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New merger policy upsets Maclennan

Steel pleased, but SDP leader stays silent

By Robin Oakley and Richard Ford

A new threat to the merger of the SDP and Liberal parties has emerged.

Mr Robert Maclennan, the SDP leader, is known to be deeply unhappy about the compromise policy document produced over the weekend by a six-man rescue team in a bid to save the merger.

He appeared to be in danger of becoming isolated from most of his own party last night, but was said to be holding out for alterations in the compromise document and perhaps to be winning some of his colleagues around to that view.

It was announced earlier that the 17 Liberal MPs had unanimously backed the new document and Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader, pronounced that the merger was "back on the rails".

Mrs Shirley Williams, the SDP president, gave the new document her blessing too, though later it emerged that one Liberal MP, Mr Simon Hughes (Bermondsey) had said he would not make up his mind until next weekend.

However, SDP officials confirmed that Mr Maclennan, who has promised

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that he will give his party a firm verdict on the merger deal — including the policy document produced after Liberal MPs humiliatingly rejected the earlier "Voices and Choices" document produced by him and Mr Steel — had considerable reservations.

After attending the Liberal meeting as an observer, the SDP leader looked grim and unhappy.

He answered "no comment" to every question put to him and eventually became exasperated with journalists, snapping: "No comment means no comment. I am not making any comment today."

He appears to be an isolated figure within his own party. As other SDP merger negotiators arrived at a meeting in Cowley Street last night, most signalled their assent to the document, which is not to be published until today, but which was comprehensively leaked throughout Westminster last night.

Dr Dickson Mabon, a former SDP MP, said the document was much better than he had anticipated. Mr Dick Taverne declared: "Peace in our time".

Liberals blame Mr Maclennan for the fiasco of the earlier document, saying that he was looking back too hard over his shoulder at supporters of Dr David Owen and working too hard at promoting his own political machismo.

Mr Maclennan faces the difficulty that he has insisted all along that the constitutional agreement for the merger must be backed with a firm policy stance on crucial issues like nuclear power and nuclear defence. He scorned the idea of a "blank cheque" and promised never to lead his party into an uncharted limbo.

Now he is being asked to sign a blank cheque and to lead the SDP into a merger in which there is no specific core of reserved SDP policy. Instead, the SDP will have to trust everything to the policy-making machinery of the new party in which they will inevitably be outnumbered by Liberals.

The new document, produced by a team led for the Liberals by Mr Des Wilson, the party president, and for the SDP by Mr Edmund Dell, a former Labour Cabinet minister, scraps the clear commitment to Trident incorporated in the earlier document.

That said that Britain had no option but to retain and control its own deterrent, meaning Trident. The new document merely says that the merged party will have to decide how to reconcile its commitment to scrapping Trident at the last election with the changed realities which would apply by the time they might come to power — notably that Trident would by then have been paid for, and be ready for deployment.

The leaders' document backed the continuation of nuclear power. The new document calls instead for a review of economic prospects and environmental implications of the civil nuclear power programme.

The new document also drops all reference to such controversial items as the phasing-out of mortgage tax relief, the imposition of VAT on fuel and food and children's clothing, and the ending of universal child benefit.

Last night, after the SDP negotiating committee broke up, Mr Charles Kennedy, the SDP MP, said they were now consulting other people about the new policy document which the negotiators had had a "preliminary run-through".

Asked if there were differences, he replied: "No, it is just that given the events of last week, we want to make sure we consult very fully".

As he left the meeting, Mr Maclennan would only say he was "encouraged".



Argentine rebel chief's surrender offer rejected

Alfonsín ready to bomb Rico headquarters

From A Correspondent, Buenos Aires

Despite a "conditional offer of surrender" from Argentina's rebel army leader, Lieutenant-Colonel Aldo Rico, troops loyal to President Alfonsín stepped up their attack on the rebel stronghold in the northern town of Monte Caseros.

As the Army's chief of staff, General José Caridi, took over control of the offensive by loyalist troops, fighter bombers were being prepared for action at two bases in the country to flush out the militant soldiers by air attacks if necessary.

As the military crisis entered its fourth day, it was clear that General Caridi was not prepared to accept anything less than an unconditional surrender from the rebels, who briefly overran an airport in Buenos Aires and spread their mutiny to several provincial military camps yesterday.

But the tide last night appeared to have turned against Colonel Rico, with his lightly-defended forces, estimated at 100 disaffected middle-ranking officers, heavily outnumbered by well-armed government troops.

Heavy rain and broken communications made casualty reports impossible, but earlier yesterday two officers were said to be injured when their lorry hit a rebel anti-tank mine on the approaches to the insurgents' positions.

General Caridi set up his headquarters at a military air base of Curuzu Cuatia. Mirage fighters from the air base at Tandil are believed to be on alert and military sources said that Hercules bombers at Curuzu Cuatia have also been prepared for action. In addition to the air support, General Caridi has at his disposal some 2,000 troops, including armoured units.

In preparation for an attack rebels have mined the access roads and the three bridges crossing the Paraná River. One of these was blown up after government troops approached, intending to cross it.

The Government said it was delaying a full-scale offensive because it was seeking to avoid inflicting injuries to the civilian population or damaging private property. One of the problems was that the military base in Monte Caseros is located in the middle of a housing complex, which has now been evacuated.

It is also suspected that President Alfonsín is hoping to avoid a military confrontation which could further divide the Army. After an emergency meeting with political and military aides he told President Mitterrand of France by telephone that Colonel Rico had surrended.

But positions appeared to harden later and there seems to be little chance of a negotiated solution. The Government said it had rejected Colonel Rico's offer because he required a six-hour delay before surrendering, which observers said could have been a stalling tactic.

The Government's problems have not been confined to Monte Caseros. The most serious incident yesterday was at the capital's Aeroparque airport when 30 Air Force rebels seized control of the facility for four hours until troops recaptured the terminal buildings and arrested some of the officers. Mutinies in Tucumán, Santa Cruz and San Juan were quashed.

President Alfonsín has cancelled a visit to Sweden this week because of the crisis.



Colonel Rico, the rebel leader, holding an impromptu news conference at Monte Caseros.

Moore will rule out more cash for NHS

By Nicholas Wood, Political Correspondent

Mr John Moore, the beleaguered Secretary of State for Social Services, will today launch a robust defence of the Government's record on the health service after holding a council of war yesterday with the Prime Minister.

In the face of an Opposition onslaught and deep misgivings among his own supporters, he is likely to extol his department's drive to monitor the service more closely and so ensure that the most laggardly health authorities approach the standards of care of the best.

At the same time, he will reiterate the now-familiar figures about higher spending and record numbers of operations while pouring scorn on Labour's claim that it would be a better steward of the health service.

With the Opposition and some Conservative MPs calling on Mr Nigel Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer, to forgo some of his tax cuts for higher health spending, Mr Moore will rule out more money on top of the extra £1.1 billion already allocated.

He will argue that such action would jeopardize the economic recovery that has made available extra revenues for spending on social programmes.

According to one senior Whitehall source, Mr Moore's message will be: "If you haven't got it, you cannot spend it".

Mr Moore accompanied by Mr Antony Newton, the Minister for Health, met Mrs Thatcher for half an hour to review all aspects of how the Government is putting over its case.

Afterwards, government sources dismissed "gossip" about Mr Moore's position,

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known to be emanating from Cabinet colleagues, alleging that he is not up to the job. They insisted that Mr Moore enjoyed the Prime Minister's full confidence.

Nevertheless, many Conservative MPs believe that today's Commons debate on an Opposition motion on the "crisis" in the health service will prove a crucial test of Mr Moore's mettle.

If, after his two-month absence with a bout of bacterial pneumonia, he fails to regain the initiative in the controversy over the health service, his future will look shaky.

Yesterday high-ranking Government sources discounted reports that Mr Moore will shortly announce a formal review of the structure and financing of the health service.

While both the Downing Street policy unit and officials at the Department of Health and Social Security are known to be studying options for change, the Government does not wish to raise the profile of the issue still further by going public on its informal review.

Yesterday, Labour called for an extra £1 billion for the health service in the next financial year and Mr Moore's Conservative critics piled on the pressure.

Mr Robin Cook, Labour's chief health spokesman, said that he would be hammering home the point that higher spending had to take precedence over tax cuts.

Mr Anthony Beaumont-Dark, Conservative MP for Birmingham Selly Oak, attacked the "abysmal ineptitude" of Mr Moore's handling of the disputes involving nurses and blood transfusion staff.

Referring to the trade off between tax cuts and higher health service spending, Mr Beaumont-Dark added: "In God's name, what is £1 billion when you have got £6 billion?"

Israeli troops destroy refugee food supplies

Nuseirat (Reuter) — Israeli soldiers yesterday seized and destroyed food that Palestinian women were trying to take into the Gaza Strip refugee camp here under curfew, where UN officials say residents are going hungry.

Soldiers jumped out of three jeeps, stopped women on the main Gaza Strip highway, grabbed their plastic shopping baskets and threw the contents on the road. As the seven women wept and shouted, troops trampled bread and vegetables and threw a basket of food under a passing car.

"We are not punishing them. We just want to give them a reason not to break the curfew," an Israeli officer, named only as Colonel Avi, said. Troop reinforcements arrived and immediately declared the area a closed military zone.

The UN Relief and Works Agency says there are serious shortages of food in the eight Gaza Strip camps.

But the Israelis deny that there is any lack of supplies, claiming they have allowed daily breaks in the curfew.

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December shop sales fall 1.1%

By Our Economics Editor

Christmas failed to live up to expectations in the high street. Retail sales, seasonally adjusted, fell 1.1 per cent in December from November, a quiet end to a year that registered the fastest growth ever in high street sales.

Money market interest rates fell slightly, though they still indicate a possible rise in bank base rates.

If a fall in consumer demand is confirmed, Mr Nigel Lawson will feel more able to cut taxes in the Budget. The latest figures for the public sector borrowing requirement, to be released today, are expected to confirm unprecedented scope for cuts in both borrowing and taxes.

The dollar continued firmer. In London, it closed 75 points up at DM1.6810 but 45 points down at Y129.95. The pound was 60 points lower against the dollar at $1.7720 but its effective rate was unchanged at 74.7. In the stock market the FT-SE index closed 3.3 higher at 1790.

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Imran returns

Imran Khan has agreed to return to Test cricket to lead Pakistan on the tour of the West Indies in March Page 44

New-tech first

A new section starts today expanding *The Times* coverage of computers. It looks at the response to the Government's plans to change hi-tech funding..... Pages 31-34

Portfolio Gold

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Government defeated on legal aid reform

By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff

The House of Lords embarrassed the Government yesterday by throwing out a central plank of its planned overhaul of the legal aid system.

It was the Government's first defeat of the session and the first upset for a Government Bill after the resignation of Lord Whitelaw as Leader of the Lords.

The vote casts doubts on the planned overhaul of the £420 million-a-year legal aid scheme because it will curb the power of the Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, to decide the future shape of the scheme.

A Labour peers' amendment, approved with a majority of two, was aimed at preventing the future withdrawal by the Lord Chancellor of legal aid and assistance for certain legal aid work such as wills, conveyancing and social security matters.

It could also block his attempts to farm out legal advice and assistance to lay bodies such as legal centres.

Many of the peers who supported the amendment said they did so as a protest at the unfettered powers it gave to the Lord Chancellor.

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Space technology

Hotol set for £5m boost

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

The Government is set to approve the next stage of development of Hotol, the revolutionary British space plane.

The Department of Trade and Industry is expected to agree to spend up to £5 million a year for three years on an "enabling technology study" — if a consortium of companies including British Aerospace, Rolls-Royce and ICI put up an equal share.

The Government's decision depends on the report of the recently completed £4 million study on Hotol. Although the findings are classified, aerospace technologists have indicated that the results are better than they could have imagined five years ago when the idea of a re-usable space plane was conceived.

But now a new threat is looming, for British space experts are about the become the target of an intensive European recruitment campaign.

One of the largest consultancies specializing in recruiting scientists and engineers, ISS of Bremen, is looking for up to 400 specialists for West German space projects and for work on European Space Agency ventures.

Meanwhile, the Department of Trade and Industry is waiting until next month before making a final commitment on the next stage of work on Hotol because of other negotiations involving the European Space Agency. In addition to its plans for Hotol, the Government has also to give a final answer to the European Space Agency on an option for Britain to join in the Columbus project, which would form a European contribution to the space station that the United States will build in space after 1994.

The fate of Columbus has been question because of dif-

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Changing role as Prince joins Lloyd Webber

By Alan Hamilton

Prince Edward is to join Andrew Lloyd Webber's highly successful theatrical production company as a junior employee to learn the business and to fulfil a frequently stated desire to work in the theatre.

Buckingham Palace said yesterday that the Queen's youngest son, who is aged 23, would join the theatre division of Mr Lloyd Webber's Really Useful Company in February as a production assistant, and that his decision had the full support of both the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh. Prince Edward will be paid an undisclosed salary, in addition to his Civil List allowance of £20,000 a year.

"I am delighted with the prospect of joining the company to learn more about the theatre professionally", the Prince said.

The announcement comes a year after he abandoned his training course as a Royal Marines officer, having decided that he did not want a long-term military career. Since then he has staged a charity edition of the television game *It's A Knockout* involving other members of the Royal Family, and has narrated Prokofiev's *Peter And The Wolf* with the London Symphony Orchestra.

Prince Edward will begin his full-time theatrical career in a lowly position handling paperwork at an office in the Palace Theatre in the West End. He will not appear on stage.

The Really Useful Company has staged some of the most successful West End musicals of recent years, including *Cats* and *Phantom Of The Opera*, and last year won the Queen's Award for Export Achievement. A production of *Phantom* will open on Broadway next week.

Mr Lloyd Webber said: "I have been very impressed by the Prince's real enthusiasm for the theatre and genuine desire to learn the business".

Miss Bridget Hayward, the company's executive director, said Prince Edward had approached it two years ago with a request that Mr Lloyd Webber and the lyricist Tim Rice write a short musical to be performed privately for the Queen's sixtieth birthday. "He made up his mind what he wanted to do; we had some meeting and said 'Fine'. It was a natural progression, and the company offered him a job.

"He is bright and intelligent, and the fact of who he is should not be grounds for discrimination."

Prince Edward displayed enthusiasm for the stage while an undergraduate at Cambridge, and appeared in several university productions. He has become patron of the National Youth Theatre, the National Youth Music Theatre, and the National Youth Orchestra of Scotland.

The Prince is following a precedent set by the Queen's cousin, Lord Harewood, who has made a lifetime career in artistic management, including spells as director of the Edinburgh Festival and of English National Opera.

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NEWS ROUNDUP

£100m urban rail scheme approved

The building of a light rail system for Greater Manchester — to be maintained and operated privately — could be partly funded by the Government. Mr David Mitchell, Minister for Transport, announced support for the scheme yesterday.

Planners expect that within three years 60mph supertrams will carry 10 million passengers from outlying towns along an electric railway line to city centre stores and offices. By using the trains commuters will be spared rush hour car journeys that can take 90 minutes to travel 10 miles. Passengers will reach the city centre from Bury in just 22 minutes and from Altrincham in 26 minutes.

The Light Rapid Transit scheme will attract the first large investment in the county's railways for almost 100 years. More than 4,000 jobs will be provided to build the system. Lines will eventually serve Oldham, Rochdale, Marple, Hadfield and Glossop.

Sea search called off

An air search for a trawler missing in the Channel with three people on board was called off last night. No decision has been made on whether to continue the search today.

Nothing has been heard of the 40ft Southern Enterprise since Wednesday, when it set off on a local fishing trip from Lymington, Hampshire, with a captain and two trainee crew members aged 16 on board.

Coastguard officials are baffled by the boat's disappearance. The names of the missing have not been released.

Murder inquiry

A youth aged 17 was being questioned last night by police who are investigating the murder of Katherine Hindley, aged 16, whose body was found on Sunday night in Gainsborough, Lincolnshire.

She had been strangled. Police said she had not been sexually assaulted. Her body was found on a grass verge in Heapham Road near a subway used by people walking their dogs.

Police want to trace a man who was seen walking a black labrador at 9pm, about the time of the murder.

Runcie's radio prayer

The Archbishop of Canterbury is to make a rare live appearance on radio tomorrow to offer prayers for the release of Mr Terry Waite on the first anniversary of the envoy's disappearance in Beirut, where he was attempting to negotiate the release of American and British hostages.

Dr Robert Runcie will lead BBC radio's *Daily Service*, which will be conducted from the chapel of Lambeth Palace where, ever since Mr Waite went missing, a candle has been lit and daily prayers have been offered for his safety.

Driver is jailed

A man who killed three of his passengers in a car crash through reckless driving after he drank four pints of beer was jailed yesterday for 21 months and banned from driving for seven years at the Central Criminal Court.

But a blood sample from Robert Boardman, aged 23, of South Wimbledon, southwest London, showed he was under the legal limit.

Those killed were his girlfriend, Miss Kerry Pearce, his sister Sarah, and Mr Ernest Dale, all of southwest London. Two months after the crash Boardman was caught drink-driving.

Bank raid by 'bomb'

A raider stole thousands of pounds yesterday after walking into a bank carrying a holdall which he said contained a remote control bomb. He placed it in the middle of the floor at Lloyds bank in Redhill, Surrey, then went from till to till demanding money.

He left the "bomb" behind and police evacuated buildings in a 200-yard radius before blowing it up in a controlled explosion. The bag proved to be harmless.

The raider, who wore a flat cap and a scarf over his face, was said to have a pronounced limp.

Telecom cuts charges

British Telecom is cutting rental charges on many international private circuits leased by businesses by up to 40 per cent from February 1.

The move is in response to competition from rival networks such as Mercury and to the falling costs that have resulted from more advanced technology and increased traffic.

Rates for circuits over SatStream, Telecom's international satellite and cable service, will be cut by up to 15 per cent.

For private circuits to Japan, Hong Kong, South Korea, Singapore, Australia, and New Zealand, charges for digital services — designed especially for high-speed data links — will fall by 28 per cent, while those for analogue services will be reduced by 11 per cent.

Telecom is also dropping connection charges for most international leases taken for one year or more, and will launch its £70 million fibre-optic network in the City of London this month.

Poll tax is denounced as a snooper's charter

Scots set protest at Westminster

By Kerry Gill

The 150-member Convention of Scottish Local Authorities, which represents every district and regional council in Scotland, will tomorrow hold an extraordinary meeting in Westminster to discuss the introduction of a community charge.

The Westminster venue is designed to cause the Government maximum embarrassment as delegates press their claim that the charge is unworkable.

Political parties in Scotland, trades unions and civil liberties groups have labelled the poll tax a "snooper's charter" and an infringement of individual privacy.

Mr John Rafferty, secretary of the Scottish Campaign Against the Poll Tax, said the huge army of canvassers, who will soon visit every household in Scotland drawing up a tax register, will be empowered to ask searching questions of anyone claiming exemption.

The questions would include: Is your daughter mentally handicapped? If so, how handicapped is she and is she handicapped enough to qualify from exemption? Is the woman you are cohabiting with your legal or common-law wife? Is your son still in prison and how long will he remain there? Your formerly dependent mother-in-law is in hospital. How long has she been there?

Mr Rafferty said his organization, supported by Labour politicians, unions and churchmen, was appalled at the potential infringement of privacy.

"We predict that there will be very arbitrary rules created for the mentally handicapped", he said, and quoted the example of a woman aged 28 with a mental age of seven who, because she lived at home and was able to visit a local skill centre, would be liable to at least 20 per cent of the tax.

From April 1, a huge army of canvassers, many temporarily hired, will begin the task of listing every person in Scotland aged 18 and over who is liable to pay.

The Scottish Council of Civil Liberties said yesterday that fines of up to £200 could be levied on an individual who fails to answer the questions fully and who does not keep the information up to date.

Mr Peter Taylor, of the council, said: "It is going to be a new type of doorstep inquisition that we are not used to at all. It will lead to a very big increase in the amount of surveillance of the population."

The task of compiling the register and questioning the population will fall largely on the National and Local Government Officers' Association. Mr Matthew Smith, the union's senior district officer for Scotland, said: "Our organization is against the principle of the poll tax itself. Politically there is mounting opposition."

Mr Smith said that the union's attitude to questioning the population would depend on the views of individual members. Branches, he said, would meet to discuss the implications.

Mr Eric Milligan, vice-president of the convention, said the tax would become unworkable if a significant proportion of people evaded payment. Scottish campaigners have estimated that about 20 per cent of the population could attempt evasion.

Mr Gordon Wilson, leader of the Scottish National Party, said: "We want a mass campaign for non-payment and we will seek a mandate for this from the electorate in this May's district council elections.

"The argument has gone beyond the question of whether people like it or not. It is a question of what people are prepared to do about it."

The Labour Party is shortly to draw up its strategy to combat the introduction of the poll tax. Introduction will mean a bill in Scotland alone of about £40 million, of which £20 million will go towards new computer hardware.

Mr Rafferty estimated that there would be 800,000 changes a year in the register because of people dying, moving home, and changing jobs.

The number of changes in England and Wales, where the tax is to be introduced in April 1990, would be 10 million. "It is going to be a bureaucratic nightmare of gargantuan proportions", he said.

Strathclyde region, which accounts for about half of Scotland's five million population, will have to recruit another 200 people to its present establishment of 333 people in the regional assessor's office.

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'Socialism to stay' pledge by Kinnock

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

Mr Neil Kinnock yesterday launched an unprecedented campaign to consult public opinion about the programme on which Labour will fight the next election but underlined that it would not be used to ditch socialist principles.

As he did so he acknowledged the spectre hanging over Labour's new campaign for the 1990s by again warning Mr John Prescott, his spokesman on energy, not to plunge the party into a potentially damaging eight-month contest for the deputy leadership.

With Mr Prescott believed to be on the point of announcing that he is to challenge Mr Roy Hattersley, Mr Kinnock said that a contest would be an "unforgivable distraction".

Mr Kinnock was questioned about the likely contest as he launched the Labour Listens campaign at Transport House. He said that the view of a considerable majority of the movement was that a contest would distract from the priorities facing the party.

He said that reaching outwards meant giving expression to the widespread antagonism that existed towards so many government policies, but it did not only mean opposing the Government.

"It also means taking the electorate into our confidence and enlisting their active advice and involvement in preparing our programme for government in the 1990s."

He said that Labour's bold campaign programme would place unprecedented demands of organization and activity on the party at all levels. He added: "No activity deserves a higher priority".

In an obvious attack on the far left, which has said that he intends to abandon true socialist policies, Mr Kinnock said that people who were afraid "to relate their ideas to the needs and challenges of our age or to meet and listen to the electorate show a shallowness that is incompatible with socialism".

He said: "We are not an exclusive order that exists to talk to itself. We never have been. My commitment to mobilizing the party to attract the support of the public is total. The party's fortunes require that from every member."

Mr Kinnock made plain that he has told Mr Prescott he does not want a contest. "My view has been publicly and privately apparent, very directly, for a long time", he said in a Channel 4 interview.

Mr Hattersley said that if there was a contest it would be his determination to see that it did not "deflect us from the real job".

Mr Prescott is to attend a meeting of his Hull East constituency party tonight.

Mr Frank Dobson, Labour's campaigns co-ordinator, said: "The people of this country are sick and tired of being lectured by Mrs Thatcher on what is good for them. We are happy to be all ears — we leave it to the Tories to be all mouth".

Labour has sent a campaign guide to its workers, advising them how to organize their listening events, to canvass opinions on national issues and do telephone research.

Anti-terrorist publicity film defended



Mr John Stanley, Minister of State for Northern Ireland, explaining his film yesterday.

By John Cooney

Mr John Stanley, Minister of State for Northern Ireland, yesterday defended the Government's anti-terrorist publicity campaign from criticism that it is directed only against Irish republicans.

"It is not aimed at any section of the community", Mr Stanley said in reply to a question at a news conference at Stormont Castle. "It is aimed absolutely at those who are involved in terrorism on the 'loyalist' side as well as those who are involved in it in the republican side.

"Terrorism will be stopped only by the wholehearted support of the security forces by the entire community."

Mr Stanley was giving journalists a preview of a commercial film.

Entitled *You Can Help To Stop It — Now*, the commercial carries vivid re-enactments of a backyard murder, knee-cappings, racketeering, the destruction of property, the loss of jobs and the climate of fear instilled by terrorists.

The commercial will be shown regularly on Ulster Television and Channel 4 during the next few months as part of the Government's £170,000 publicity drive to persuade more Ulster people to use confidential police telephone lines to pass on information about terrorism.

Mr Stanley said the film would appeal to nationalists and loyalists who support law and a decent way of life in the province. A wider issue was the encouragement the film would give to the huge majority of people who believe that defeating terrorism transcends loyalty or tradition.

So vivid are some of the scenes of simulated violence, that the Independent Broadcasting Authority ruled that the film should be broadcast only after 9 pm.

● Dr Cahal Daly, the Roman Catholic Bishop of Down and Connor, yesterday called in Belfast for more specialized training for police and soldiers operating in sensitive areas.

Walsh victory on pit code

By Ian Smith

Mr John Walsh, the moderate National Union of Mineworkers presidential candidate, won a big victory yesterday against British Coal's disciplinary code of conduct, a union target which Mr Arthur Scargill, his rival, has found frustratingly elusive since its introduction 10 months ago.

Mr Walsh's negotiating acumen won a "substantial" financial settlement, thought to be a five-figure sum, for Mr Edward Scott, a union militant, who is almost certain to vote for Mr Scargill when the election begins at midnight on Thursday.

Mr Scott claimed unfair dismissal against British Coal, which dismissed him from the Stillingfleet colliery, North Yorkshire, on July 15 last year under the code of conduct.

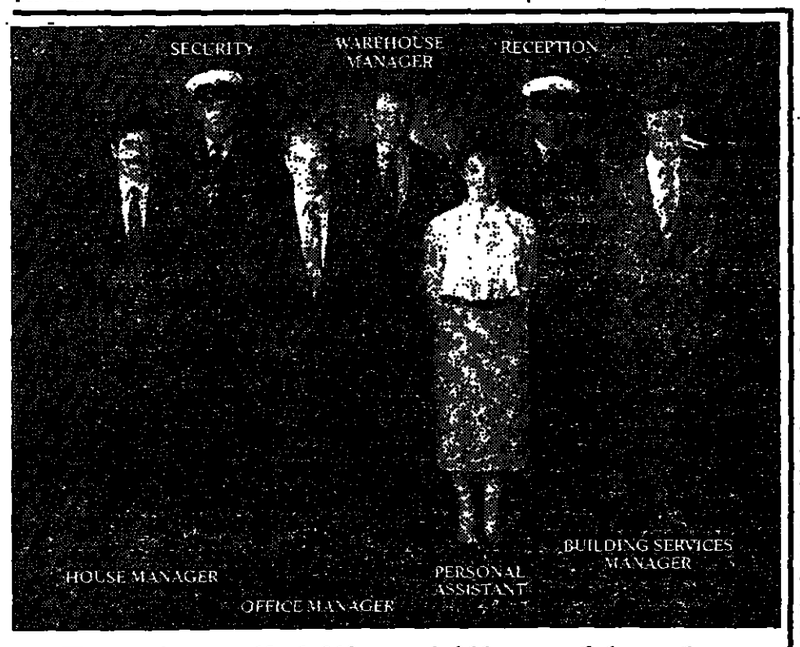
The Coal Board had given two written warnings. Mr Scott had been held responsible for most of the 51 strikes that cast a shadow over the future of the £1.4 billion Selby coalfield.

Last November Mr Scott was re-employed at Kellingley colliery. He retained his role as branch secretary of Stillingfleet and began an action for unfair dismissal. His colleagues immediately stopped overtime working, a practice that gained national union approval, and which was absorbed into an overtime ban called four months later against British Coal's code of conduct.

British Coal refused to reinstate Mr Scott at the pit from which he was dismissed, but accepted that he should receive compensation for being moved to another pit not of his choice.

Mr Walsh spoke afterwards of the "triumph for common sense".

Mr Walsh said: "Obviously I am delighted that we have today proved that the disciplinary code of conduct is unworkable.



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Liberal-SDP merger

Compromise dilemma for Maclennan

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

The compromise 11-page policy document for a merged SDP and Liberal Party which was leaked last night is a bitter pill for Mr Robert Maclennan, the SDP Leader, to swallow.

Much shorter than the 6,000 word *Voices and Choices*, which was humiliatingly rejected by the entire corps of Liberal MPs and party officials after its production by Mr Maclennan and Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader, last week, it represents a significant watering down of that document to meet Liberal sensibilities.

Whereas the previous document was criticized by many Liberals as far too Thatcherite, too tough on nuclear defence and too market-oriented, the new one is anodyne, broad-brush and all-things-to-all-men.

There are no references to the possible ending of mortgage tax relief, the extension of VAT to food and children's clothing and the ending of universal child benefit. It is also considerably less forthright than its predecessor on nuclear defence and nuclear civil power, two crucial issues for SDP supporters who might otherwise be inclined to join Dr David Owen's breakaway Campaign for Social Democracy.

This raises serious doubts as to whether Mr Maclennan can recommend it to the SDP membership after the warnings he has given to both parties about the need for a firm policy stance on nuclear defence and nuclear power.

The new document denied Mr Maclennan the firm commitments he had sought to both the Trident nuclear missile system and to the continuation of civil nuclear power.

Some SDP supporters were last night saying that the whole idea of a solid core of SDP policies being carried into the new party had been abandoned.

The six-man rescue committee, compromising Mr Des Wilson, Mr Alan Leaman and Mr Jim Wallace for the Liberals, and Mr Edmund Dell, Mr Tom McNally and Mr David Marquand for the SDP, which drafted the new document over the weekend, has essentially produced little more than a blank cheque for the merged party.

On nuclear defence the leaders' document had said "for the foreseeable future Britain has no option but to retain and control its own modernized deterrent. By 1991 this will be Trident."

The new document, which bears no title but takes the form of a letter to the two beleaguered party leaders, says the merged party should be committed to Nato, opposed to "Star Wars", be an effective voice for disarmament and include Britain's nuclear weapons on appropriate disarmament negotiations.

Accepting that Trident would be substantially paid for and ready for deployment before they could hope to come to power, "the new party will, therefore, need to decide how to reconcile these changing realities with the manifesto commitment to 'maintain our capability in the sense of freezing our capacity at a level no greater than that of the Polaris system' ".

On nuclear power the leaders' document had stated that the new party would back the development of additional power sources, including "the most substantial at present, nuclear energy". The new document says: "We accept that the economic prospects and environmental implications of the civil nuclear power programme must be thoroughly and independently reviewed in order to assess the potential for safe nuclear energy".

On tax and social security the leaders' document said that the new party would investigate extending VAT to food and children's clothing, domestic fuel and newspapers; would phase out tax concessions on company cars; and would end the married man's tax allowance. It criticized universal child benefits as wasteful of resources.

The new document simply calls for a crusade against poverty.

Channel 4 warning for Grade

Channel 4 is not an ITV2 and should not engage with ITV in a ratings war with the BBC, Mr Jeremy Isaacs, the channel's departing chief executive, has advised Mr Michael Grade, his successor.

Mr Grade, former BBC TV director of programmes, is holding talks with ITV programme controllers this week to discuss closer co-operation between the two channels in scheduling programmes.

Mr Isaacs, who is to become director of the Royal Opera House in succession to Sir John Tooley later this year, told the Broadcasting Press Guild that he had "got over" his misgivings at Mr Grade's appointment.

But, he said: "He has to restrain his competitive instincts to give time on Channel 4 to all sorts of minority programmes.

In an observation likely to confirm the worst fears of Mrs Whitehouse, Mr Isaacs said his greatest regret was that he had failed to persuade the IBA to let Channel 4 show three films — the television version of *The Exorcist*, *Last Tango in Paris* and *Monty Python's Life of Brian*.

● Mr Leslie Megahey, aged 43, is to be the new BBC Television head of music and arts, replacing Mr Alan Yentob, who is now controller of BBC2. Mr Megahey was previously assistant head. His post will be taken by Mr Dennis Marks, editor, music features.

BBC widens its window on the world

By Richard Evans, Media Editor

The world sent its largest postbag yet to BBC external services last year — with the Chinese becoming the fastest growing letter writers to Bush House in London.

More than 530,000 letters, compared with 487,000 in 1986, arrived from some of the 120 million listeners who tune into the English-language World Service and 36 foreign-language services.

Letters from China in 1987, which totalled about 10,000 up to last October, swelled to more than 5,000 in both November and December after the BBC's transmitter opened at Hong Kong.

One writer from Karelia in the northern Soviet Union, where jamming of BBC broadcasts ended a year ago, said: "I would surely never have written to you before but now in the era of glasnost it seems possible".

But the increase in correspondence, from 30 in 1986 to 250 last year, still suggests Russians have difficulty corresponding. One letter which did arrive was from a listener with three criminal convictions who extolled the virtues of Soviet prisons!

The BBC says mail from behind the Iron Curtain "only gets through in dribs and drabs in relation to the size of the audience".

While 11,000 letters arrived from Poland in 1987 only 63 of those sent from Bulgaria reached London. Increasingly, the telephone seems to be preferred by some East European listeners.

Although the World Service is the flagship of BBC External Services, more letters — 86,000 — were received in Burmese than any other language. One theory for that large correspondence is the closed nature of Burmese society, which means that the BBC external service provides one of the few outlets

Mr John Tusa, managing director of BBC External Broadcasting, said yesterday: "For the first time our programmes in English and Mandarin can be heard by a potential audience of one billion people in China — and thousands of them are writing to tell us so".

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Teacher 'flipped his lid and held wife by throat', court told

Philip Ashcroft, the teacher accused of conspiring with an attractive pupil to murder his wife, wept in Liverpool Crown Court yesterday as he admitted "flipping his lid" and strangling her.

He also admitted asking the pupil, Angela Page, aged 18, to tie him up, in order to convince police that his wife's death was the result of a break-in by robbers.

Mr Ashcroft, aged 31, who has denied murder, but pleaded guilty to manslaughter, said the killing occurred during a violent domestic quarrel, after his wife, Glenys, had hit him with a milk bottle.

He told the court that he and his wife had been arguing over petty things since their summer holidays the previous year.

He said he looked after their daughter, Rachel, aged three, to a large degree. When she was ill, he would take the day off work while his wife, a nursery teacher, would go to work as normal.

On the day of the killing, Rachel was unwell, but he had to go to school to deal with important plans for the school band's forthcoming trip to France.

"Glenys would not stay off, and in the end I just left the house in the car and went to work. There had been a row about it."

He did not return home until about 10pm that night, after an evening band practice and a visit to the Griffin public house, near by in St Helens, Merseyside.

He said that when he arrived home, Rachel woke up and he went to her bedroom and read her a story.

When he went into his own bedroom, his wife asked him where he had been and in a reference to a friend, Mr Bill Mercer, who used to call at the house, had added: "How do you know Bill has not been round?"

"I ruffled her hair and said something along the lines that I hoped she had enjoyed herself. I was only joking, but she was obviously very annoyed at my comment", Mr Ashcroft said.

"She took a swing at me and managed to scratch my nose and then she threw a wine bottle at me across the bedroom. I picked the bottle up and threw it back. It hit her on the top of the head and smashed. It seemed to cut her and she shouted, 'Look what you have done to me'."

> **"I shouted to her to be quiet because I didn't want Rachel to wake up. I put my hand over her mouth and she bit my finger. I just flipped my lid. I grabbed her by the throat . . ."**

Mr Ashcroft said he told her he was going and walked out of the bedroom. His wife shouted that she loved him, but ran out of the bedroom and said: "I'm going to stab you".

She ran downstairs and when he followed her, she emerged from the kitchen with a small peeling knife.

"I got the knife and threw it down the hall. We were rolling on the floor then. The next thing she hit me with a milk bottle. It smashed and she was still shouting.

"I shouted to her to be quiet because I didn't want Rachel to wake up. I put my hand over her mouth and she bit my finger. I just flipped my lid. I grabbed hold of her by the throat and told her to shut up. She always had to get the last word in, screaming. I just remember panicking because I didn't want Rachel to come."

Asked how long he had held his wife by the throat he said: "I don't know how long it could have been. It could have been half an hour. I never thought about anything. I just wanted her to be quiet and stop screaming."

He said that afterwards, when he saw his wife lying limp, he thought she was joking, but then he realized she was dead. He said he tried to revive her, then began to consider his own position.

"I ran around pulling drawers out and got a spray can from the kitchen and sprayed it all over the walls. It was just a general mess. I intended going out again and coming back and saying that is how I found the house."

At that point, he said, Miss Page, who he had earlier asked to meet him for a drink at the Griffin, telephoned.

"I shouted at her to get up to the house straight away because there had been an accident." He said Miss Page, who has also denied murder, arrived at about 10.30.

"She came into the house and just went white. She could see my wife. She insisted that I should ring my parents, but by that time I was just shouting at her to go into the front room.

He said he took a knife and cut the telephone wire, got some string from the kitchen, tied his feet and wrapped the string around his wrists. "I ordered Angela to knot it and then leave the house."

He said he told Miss Page to take a bag in which he had put some things from the house, and get rid of it for him or he would be in really bad trouble.

"I forced her to do it", he said. "She didn't really want to."

Asked if he had ever discussed with Miss Page any desire for his wife to be dead, planned with her to kill her, or even contemplated killing his wife, Mr Ashcroft said he had not.

He also said that a love letter to Miss Page, intercepted by a prison officer as he awaited trial, had been written by other inmates who were aware of his case.

The trial continues.





Accused of murder: Philip Ashcroft and Angela Page.

Time flies for Tommy Sopwith







A Sopwith Pup (top) flying over Sir Thomas's home yesterday. Above left, Mr Tommy Sopwith points out the birthday fly-past for his father (Photographs: Harry Kerr). Right, the young Mr Sopwith in the cockpit of one of his pioneer aircraft.

Masterpieces of a lifetime in aviation took to the Hampshire skies yesterday to mark the hundredth birthday of the flying pioneer Sir Thomas Sopwith.

The achievements of one of the world's first pilots were also recognized in birthday telegrams from the Queen and other members of the Royal Family, the Prime Minister, and President Reagan.

Sir Thomas is best remembered for his Sopwith aircraft, of which more than 16,000 were built for action in the First World War. According to Sir Thomas's son, Mr Tommy Sopwith, President Reagan said that his generation remembered the heroic feats of the Sopwith planes, "as well known today as they were then as a result of a lifetime's achievement."

On the steps of his nineteenth century manor near Winchester, Sir Thomas said: "Mr Reagan sent me a very wonderful letter. He must have taken a lot of trouble."

Sir Thomas was just 16 when the Wright brothers flew under power for the first time in the United States. He taught himself to fly and as the noise of yesterday's fly-past subsided he recalled: "One had a lot of crashes in those days but it was fun!"

The outbreak of the the First World War brought a demand for aircraft and Sopwith Aviation produced the Pup, the Snipe and the Camel. It was in a Sopwith Camel that Roy Brown shot down von Richthofen, the German air ace known as the Red Baron.

The fly-past in his honour was organized by British Aerospace, which took over the Hawker Siddeley Group, of which Sir Thomas was chairman. First in the skies above Compton Manor was a converted Sopwith Pup, built after the First World War. It was followed by a Second World War Hurricane, 15,000 of which were built by Siddeley under Sir Thomas's chairmanship. Then followed three modern jets, a Harrier, a Hunter and a Hawk.

Sir Thomas was unable to see the fly-past because he is now blind but he heard the aerial tribute to him.

He got his first flying licence in 1910 after hearing of Bleriot's cross-Channel flight. He was already an accomplished racing car driver and yachtsman and by 1912 had formed the Sopwith Aviation Company.

Deaths from asthma 'can be reduced'

By Thomson Prentice
Science Correspondent

Drugs which could reduce Britain's annual toll of about 2,000 deaths from asthma are not being prescribed sufficiently by doctors or taken properly by patients, according to specialists.

Attempts to cut the death rate have failed in spite of 30 years of progress in treatment and research, and there could be widespread underuse of preventive treatment, they say.

Most of the sufferers who have a fatal attack show many symptoms in the previous weeks, but the warning signs are not heeded, research has shown.

A key problem is that doctors have concentrated on trying to relieve symptoms of asthma rather than tackling the underlying causes, specialists say in a supplement of the *British Journal of Clinical Practice*.

But there is a major problem of patients who fail to take treatment properly as prescribed, they say.

About 2.7 million people suffer from asthma. Hospital admissions for acute attacks have doubled in the past 10 years, while the number of children admitted has quadrupled.

Most asthmatics use bronchodilators in the form of aerosol inhalers, which act by relaxing the muscles surrounding the bronchial tubes, thus allowing the airways to widen.

But studies have shown that only 12 per cent of asthmatics use prophylactic drugs to prevent acute attacks.

Portfolio Gold

The right time for a double win

Miss Judy Speight, aged 28, was the sole winner of £8,000 in *The Times* Portfolio Gold competition yesterday, double the usual amount as there was no winner last Saturday.

"I am not an especially lucky person, so this win comes completely out of the blue. It couldn't have come at a better time", Miss Speight, a secretary at an estate agency, said.

"I am in the process of decorating my new home so I will be spending quite a lot on furnishing."

She is getting married later this year and plans to spend the remainder of the money on a honeymoon in Paris.

Miss Speight, of Sowood Street, Leeds, said she had been reading *The Times* and playing Portfolio for many years.

She swims and looks for antiques in her spare time.

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A coastal clean-up in Cumbria

By John Young

Cumbria's industrial coast, which has some of the most scarred landscapes in Britain, is to be cleaned up in a scheme which it is also hoped will create jobs.

With sponsorship from Barclays Bank, grants totalling up to £500,000 will be awarded for projects providing community service or employment for young people, it was announced yesterday.

The first grant, of £15,000, to the West Cumbria Groundwork Trust, will be used to employ a project leader for a programme to identify, plan and implement environmental projects, most of which will be centred upon the towns of Workington, Whitehaven, Maryport, and Cleator Moor.

The emphasis will be on derelict land clearance and the rehabilitation of landscapes and buildings. The trust said it would rely on volunteers, although it was hoped some of the projects would serve to create permanent jobs.

Power of TV soaps studied

By Lynda Murdin

Television soap operas are to be the subject of a three-day conference. Its main question will be: do soaps imitate life or does life imitate soaps?

Writers, actors and critics will be among those discussing how viewers are affected by matters such as the morning sickness suffered by Michelle in *EastEnders* or Hilda Ogden's much lamented departure from *Coronation Street*.

The conference, called *The Soap Opera: Mirror or Shaper of Society?* has been organized by the St Catharine's Foundation.

About 45 participants are expected at Cumberland Lodge in Windsor Great Park in March. Speakers will include the playwright Alan Plater, the television presenter Melvyn Bragg, the journalist Katharine Whitehorn and Piers Plowright from BBC Radio.

Mr Iain Lynch, the conference co-ordinator, said yesterday that the idea for the conference, thought to be the first of its kind, came after a recent survey in east London which showed soaps had a powerful influence on people.

Missing paperboy

Mother's plea as fears grow

By Craig Seton

The mother of the missing paperboy, Stuart Gough, aged 14, made an impassioned plea yesterday for his safe return as fears grew that he had been abducted.

Mrs Jean Gough, aged 44, a nurse, appeared at a press conference as senior police officers said that her son had "disappeared off the face of the earth" half-way through his regular newspaper round in the village of Hagley, near Kidderminster, Hereford and Worcester, on Sunday morning.

Yesterday, as anxious parents in the village escorted children on their newspaper rounds, Mrs Gough said, "Just bring him back", before collapsing into the arms of Mrs Pat O'Hara, a neighbour, and friend.

Mrs O'Hara said: "If anybody has got him, please let him come home and do not hurt him. Your mum and dad love you very much."

As the press conference went on at the community centre in Hagley, Stuart's father, Mr Geoffrey Gough, aged 55, joined more than 200 villagers gathering outside to search for his son, who suffers from asthma.

By mid-afternoon more than 500 villagers had joined the search. More than 100 police officers, including mounted police and 30 dog handlers, organized villagers into teams to search the semi-rural area. A police aircraft was overhead, combing a 15-square mile area, including the Clent Hills near by.

Chief Superintendent Tony Warren, of West Mercia police, said that Stuart, a quiet and pleasant boy who was keen on computers and pop music, had disappeared between 8 am and 8.20 am on Sunday.

A nasal spray used by Stuart for his asthma attacks would last only a day if he was under stress. "There is no suggestion that he intended to run away and the longer he is missing the more concerned I am."

Stuart failed to pick up papers for the second part of his round from a newsagent's shop in Worcester Road.

Mr Warren said that although newspapers had been delivered on the first part of his round, nobody had seen Stuart walking up drives or putting them through doors.

Detectives are liaising with police investigating the abduction last Friday of Claire Henderson, aged 14, from Cuddington, Cheshire. She was delivering newspapers when a bogus policeman tricked her into his car. She was driven into North Wales and assaulted before being released.

Mr Warren said he was keeping an open mind on any connection between the two cases.

Police were considering whether to take up an offer made by a local man of a £5,000 reward for information leading to Stuart's whereabouts.

Today a Hagley schoolboy, wearing clothes similar to Stuart's, will stage a reconstruction of his paper round on Sunday.



Stuart Gough: parents in appeal to return.

Christie's does justice to Chinese art

SALEROOM
By Sarah Jane Checkland

Christie's celebrated the end of the Chinese year with its most successful sale in Hong Kong yesterday — of nineteenth and twentieth century *Chinese paintings*.

Hailed by the auction house as the largest selection of such paintings ever assembled by it, the 300-strong offering achieved a total of 17.7 million Hong Kong dollars (£1.2 million), attracting Hong Kong dealers and American private collectors.

***Executed in ink and wash* on paper, in styles remarkable for combining virtuosity with flair, the paintings have not enjoyed high prices until now.**

They usually depict flora and fauna, sometimes adding eagles to the branches of trees, sometimes people walking down below, as they go about their daily tasks.

The top price of 1.98 million dollars (£142,446) — also a record for a single lot sold in Hong Kong — was for a set of four scrolls by Qui Baishi (1863-1957). Each is decorated with a laden branch in earthy colours, now drooping in and off the picture space, now filling it up with heavy clusters of pomegranates, grapes or peaches. Estimated at up to one million Hong Kong dollars, the four paintings sold for nearly twice that price to a private buyer.

A runaway price of 990,000 dollars (£71,223) was achieved for a single handscroll by Xu Gu (1824-1896). Coloured golden yellow, and elegantly decorated with orchids, chrysanthemums, narcissus and peonies, with an inscription reading "four Buddhist flowers", it fetched more than three times its estimate.

One artist just coming into his own, for prices, is Shi Lu, who died in 1982. "He is very much the flavour of the month, with a lot of new collectors coming into the field", Mr Colin Sheaf, of Christie's, said. A painting of roses and rock by this artist, estimated at up to 200,000 dollars, fetched 350,000 dollars.

Today the Christina Loke Balsara collection of Ming and Qing porcelain, a fine private collection of 45 lots including porcelain, sculpture, bronzes, snuff boxes, jades and ivory, will be sold at auction in Hong Kong.

A photographer and wife of an Asian perfume tycoon, Mrs Balsara has kept the collection in Durham, on loan to the Gulbenkian Museum of Oriental Art and Archaeology for the past 20 years.

It includes an exquisite cobalt blue and copper red pilgrim bottle from the Qianlong period (1735-1796) and decorated with a red bat, the symbol of happiness. The bottle is expected to sell for up to £25,000, and the whole collection in excess of £250,000.

Other fine items include a richly coloured Ming pen tray, decorated with a full-faced, five-claw dragon with a flaming pearl clenched in its jaws, estimated at up to £50,000, and a Ming blue and white dish decorated with a gardenia branch entwined with grapes, lotus and fruits. This is estimated at up to £100,000.

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Hurd postpones move on criminal trial 'ambushes'

The Government's attempt to tackle the use by a defendant of the "ambush" technique of unexpectedly producing a line of defence at trial has been deferred.

Moving second reading of the Criminal Justice Bill, which has already passed through the House of Lords, Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, said that while the argument for change was strong, he was persuaded that more careful work was needed on any change and the Bill was not the place for the provisions which would be needed.

He announced that the Government would table an amendment to the Bill to make it an offence to possess indecent photographs of children. He promised to consider a suggestion that the possession of such material should be made an arrestable offence.

He said that MPs should not be chauvinistic about changes in extradition procedures that would remove the requirement to prove a prima-facie case against the accused under English law when extradition applications were made.

They might be underestimating the sense of affront of some of our friends who were told that it was only by surmounting a system defined in purely English terms that they could receive into their jurisdiction people whom they believed had committed serious crimes.

He was not happy that people should be able to seek a haven in this country simply because the country which sought them was not able to frame its request in language which met the requirements of the present law.

Many regarded Britain as a haven for criminals. The single biggest impediment to their extradition was the demand to provide evidence which would amount to a prima-facie case.

Mr Alexander Carlile (Montgomery, L) said that no British subject could be committed for trial in this country unless the prosecution established a prima-facie case against him. Why should a lower standard apply to British subjects and others who were being taken for trial abroad?

JUSTICE BILL

Mr Hurd said those who took that view were assuming that the procedures and standards of justice in other countries with which agreements might be made were in some way inferior. Otherwise the question did not arise.

Extradition agreements which dispensed with the prima-facie requirement would be subject to parliamentary approval. The fugitive had a statutory right to see the papers on which extradition was based, a statutory right to make representations to the Home Secretary and seven days to seek a judicial review of the order.

He wanted the United Kingdom to set the pace in international agreements and action to grip international crime.

The Home Office had considered whether extradition could be part of the answer to the problem of alleged war criminals and had come to the conclusion so far that it was not.

It was too serious a matter to be allowed to drag on but more work was needed before it would be possible to decide whether or in what way the law should be changed.

The police had made forceful representations to the Home Office that the present law on offensive weapons was too narrowly drawn.

Therefore the Bill now contained a new offence of having an article with a sharp blade or point in a public place without good reason. Included with this were the necessary police powers to stop and search.

"The old, the vulnerable, the whole of the law-abiding community, must feel confident that it is safe to go out on to the streets without fear of being stabbed."

In restricting the carrying of knives the Bill reversed the onus of proof and put it on to the person carrying the weapon. He had searched in vain to find an answer which would cause less offence to legal opinion but which still proved strong enough.

The Bill also prohibited absolutely the manufacture, importation and sale of certain other types of weapons.

There seemed no logic in trying to ban the mail-order sale of knives, many of which had legitimate uses. But knuckle-dusters, death stars and hand claws could have no conceivable legitimate use and the Government intended fully to block their supply.

At the heart of the Bill was a set of proposals for strengthening the procedures of justice, including the abolition of peremptory challenge in the selection of jurors.

There was also a modest, but important, move to make people aged between 65 and 70 eligible for jury service should they wish.

In instances of manifestly over-lenient sentences, which were few and far between, the Bill proposed that the Court of Appeal should be able to increase that sentence.

"It is a stronger proposal both in effect and in logic. If a mistake has been made, it is clearly sensible that there should be a way of putting that mistake right; not if newspapers or the Attorney General think so, but if the Court of Appeal decide it is right to do so."

The second procedural change would give the Court of Appeal wider powers to order a retrial whenever it was in the interests of justice. At present the circumstances were strictly limited to instances where new evidence had come to light.

"The question in my mind is not whether a suspected or accused person should have the right to remain silent, if he chooses, throughout the investigation and trial. Obviously, he has, and should continue to have, that right.

He had listened carefully to the arguments provoked by his Police Federation lecture last July and was not convinced by the arguments in favour of "the right to ambush".

One of the Bill's main aims was to improve the position of the victims of crime, encouraging the courts to use compensation orders in a wider range of cases and creating a statutory right to compensation for the victims of violent crime.



The listening party: Mr Neil Kinnock under the scrutiny of Mr Roy Hattersley (left) yesterday while listening to Mr Frank Dobson. They were taking part in the launch of the "Labour Listens" policy review (Photograph: Denzil McNeelance).

Anonymity option 'a possibility'

CROCKFORD

"It is a pity that some people have not behaved with the dignified restraint shown by Dr Runcie"

The possibility of giving future authors of the preface to the biennial *Crockford's Clerical Directory* the option of writing anonymously or under their own name would be considered, Mr Michael Alison, representing the Church Commissioners, told the Commons during questions.

He said that the Church Commissioners and the Central Board of Finance are to review the arrangements to be made for the prefaces of future editions of *Crockford's* after the controversial anonymous preface, later disclosed to have been written by Dr Gareth Bennett, in the current edition.

Dr Bennett was found dead after controversy about the preface.

Mr Alison said that it had been a long-standing tradition to include in each edition an anonymous preface in which the author was given freedom to express his personal views.

Although some earlier prefaces have proved controversial, the extent of the controversy over the current edition was "clearly quite exceptional" and it was because of that that the review would take place.

Mr Harry Greenway (Ealing North, C) said that he had known Dr Bennett for more than 20 years and paid tribute to his mastery of theology, his erudition and his warm and compassionate personality.

Would the preface, which had been so valuable over the years, continue? And in their considerations, would the Church Commissioners consider giving the author the option to be open or anonymous. If anonymity were chosen, would it be respected in all circumstances?

Mr Alison said that what Mr Greenway had said about Dr Bennett would be appreciated in Church of England circles. Future anonymity of the preface would be reviewed.

Mr Frank Field (Birkenhead, Lab) said that the preface was a serious piece of work and the Church would do well to consider it carefully at the next synod and beyond.

"Having a preface which is unsigned can lead to unfortunate consequences when a person has to be about the author."

Mr Alison said that Mr Field had featured personally in the preface. In weighing his points, Dr Bennett himself had been at some pains in the preface to praise and to land the standard tradition of anonymity, which he had said he found useful and helpful.

"But if it leads to anonymous authors having to repudiate their authorship by lying, this must be a point which the comissioners will have to consider in future."

Mr John Stokes (Halesowen and Stourbridge, C) said that the important thing was the substance of the preface and not whether it was anonymous or not. That was not any concern of the House.

"While some of us may from time to time criticize the hierarchy, surely it behoves us now, because of the Church's present difficulties, to do all we can to back up those good and godly men dealing with Church of England affairs."

Mr Alison agreed. "This preface was an exceptionally vigorous and stimulating analysis of a wide range of issues, including the wider implications for the Anglican communion and certain practices in relation to practices overseas. It was well worth reading and writing."

Mr Patrick Cormack (South Staffordshire, C) said that it was a pity that some people had not behaved with the dignified restraint that Dr Robert Runcie, the Archbishop of Canterbury, had shown. "It would be good if some of those who talk about (the preface) were to read it."

Mr Alison agreed.

Mr Robert Adley (Christchurch, C) asked Mr Alison: As a background to the affair, would he agree that up and down the country thousands of parish priests are selflessly giving dedicated service to their parishioners, but many feel that their work is being undermined by a handful of politically motivated bishops?

Mr Alison endorsed Mr Adley's view "that the heart and soul of the Church of England are the millions of parishioners who get on with the daily work of Christian living and worship in their parish churches".

He added: On the more controversial point about the bishops, I am only too glad when Conservative bishops speak out in a Conservative frame, but controversy has always been a feature of the Christian religion."

It's all a matter of MPs' fudge

Takings at the House of Commons souvenir kiosk last year amounted to £525,796, of which £183,620 was taken during the month before Christmas, Mr Charles Irving (Cheltenham, C), chairman of the catering sub-committee of the services committee, told the Commons during question time.

He was hoping that the total figure at the end of the financial year would be another record, he said in response to Mr Harry Greenway (Ealing North, C).

Mr Greenway also offered Mr Irving congratulations for introducing House of Commons fudge (laughter), but he wondered why it cost £2.50 a tin when the same quantity could be had near by for only £1.

Mr Irving said that Mr Greenway was an expert at fudge (laughter). He would know that there was a vast difference between quality and quantity.

Protest at change plan

There were protests from backbenchers at a suggestion that applications for leave to introduce Bills under the 10-minute-rule procedure should be made at the end of a day's business, instead of after question time and statements.

Mr Jeremy Hanley (Richmond and Barnes, C) said that the present system caused delays to public business. Such applications had been dealt with at the end of the day during the parliamentary session 1966-67.

Mr John Wakeham, Lord President of the Council and Leader of the House of Commons, said that the 10-minute-rule procedure was an important way to draw attention to a matter to which an MP attached particular importance. Changing the timing in the way suggested would rob the procedure of some of its value.

Staff wages criticized

The wages and working conditions of some staff employed at the Commons were paltry by comparison with standards outside, Mr Dennis Skinner (Bolsover, Lab) said during Commons questions.

"There have been several instances recently of some of the staff being treated, particularly by Tory MPs, as if it was *Upstairs, Downstairs*".

He asked Mr Alan Beith, representing the House of Commons Commission, if efforts could be made "to stop this nonsense".

Mr Beith said that the day-to-day working of the refreshment department was a matter for the departmental head. But the pay and conditions of staff compared favourably with those elsewhere.

Money for HIV study

The Government is to give an additional £700,000 to the Medical Research Council to help with extra research on the spread of HIV, the Aids virus, in heterosexuals, Mr Robert Jackson, Under Secretary of State for Education and Science, announced in a written Commons reply.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Education and Science; Prime Minister. Debate on Opposition motion "The current crisis in the NHS".
Lords (2.30): Legal Aid Bill, committee, third day.

Lords defeat for the Government

The Government suffered its first defeat of the session in the House of Lords when peers narrowly approved an Opposition amendment aimed at preventing the future withdrawal of legal aid and assistance for certain legal work, such as wills and conveyancing.

The amendment, moved by Lord Mishcon on the second day of the committee stage of the Legal Aid Bill, was approved by 94 votes to 92 — majority against the Government, 2.

Lord Mishcon, an Opposition legal affairs spokesman, said that he was pressing the amendment to the vote in sheer protest at the legislative procedure proposed.

The Bill was an enabling measure that gave the Lord Chancellor the power at a later stage to exclude certain work from the "green form scheme" through regulations. However, such regulations could not be amended by the House of Lords.

The White Paper on legal aid had stated the Government's intention to contract out the provision of advice and assistance to advice and law centres. It had also talked of exempting certain work from the legal aid scheme.

At the very least peers might feel that there should be an authoritative declaration at this stage as to what the Government had in mind by way of exclusions.



Lord Mishcon: Demanding vote as a protest.

Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, said that what the Government had in mind was to give the necessary power to make the "green form scheme" available, "subject to certain matters".

No conclusion had yet been reached on these issues. The aim was to get approval under the Bill for the general structure of legal aid. Then it would be right to look at the details.

Lord Mishcon replied that the House of Lords was walking into a dangerous parliamentary chapter in the history of legislation when it could be said: "Do not expect this in primary legislation, we are thinking the thing over, we want to be flexible, our minds might change" and do it by regulation.

Walker rejects complaint

More cash demanded for NHS

WALES

The £6,000 million that the Chancellor was likely to give away in tax cuts in his next Budget to enrich the already rich would be better used to help the health service in Wales, Mr Alan Williams, chief Opposition spokesman on Wales, said during questions.

He asked for confirmation that the rate of increase of spending on the health service in Wales under the present Administration was half what it had been under the previous Labour Government.

Was the Secretary of State not shamed by the fact that, while the Chancellor gave away billions of pounds in tax cuts, all that the health service in Wales and the beleaguered health authorities were offered was an extra £3.8 million this year and a standstill in finances next year?

"Bearing in mind the cash crisis of chest, kidney-dialysis and acute services and the far-too-long waiting lists, is it not wrong that the Chancellor should use resources further to enrich the rich instead of improving the health service for our people?"

Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Wales: I find that a bit thick when he sat silent as a minister in the Government that made the biggest cuts in the capital investment programme in the health service of any post-war government.

He sat there without a whimper, complaint or a single word. And if he is proud of the fact that when he went out of office he was spending £8 a week a household compared with the £24 a week under this Government, I find that very surprising.

Answering an earlier question about the relationship between the closure of National Health Service beds and wards to the increase in private beds, Mr Walker said that the important thing to measure was the number of patients being treated.

Those numbers were at record levels, much above those of a few years ago, and the upward trend was continuing.

"The important judgement is whether that does continue. Of course there are increasing demands on the health services, all sorts of new breakthroughs in medicine have taken place. That is why the Government has increased expenditure to the degree it has done and is continuing to do so."

● Later Mr Ian Grist, Under-Secretary of State for Wales, said that the Government was doing its very best to locate in Cardiff facilities for the treatment of children suffering from congenital heart defects.

Mr Alan W. Williams (Carmarthen, Lab) said that children from Wales who required such treatement were forced to travel to London, Bristol or Southampton. He called for an assurance that a unit would be set up in Cardiff before the end of the year.

Mr Grist said that 57 children in Wales were notified in 1986 as having been born with heart or circulatory-system malformation.

The position of such babies and their parents was distressing, but operations to correct such defects were extremely skilled and expensive and relatively new.

The Government was doing its best to bring the facilities to Cardiff and the South Glamorgan Health Authority was now advertising for a surgeon specializing in such work.

Mr Roy Hughes, an Opposition spokesman on Wales, said that people expected more than crocodile tears from the minister.

"There is now a serious concern about the lack of urgency in providing these facilities for children which are so badly needed. Imagine the expense and inconvenience of taking a young child to Southampton or London."

When would such facilities be available in Wales and was their absence yet another example of the underfunding of the NHS?

Mr Grist said that Mr Hughes did a disservice to the medical profession who provided the skills. The 57 children suffering from such defects were a small but important number.

Further questions to the Secretary of State included the following:

● Mr Walker told MPs that he was ready to lay a wager that the principality would not be the region worst affected by unemployment at the end of 1988.

He was replying to Mr Roy Hughes, who said that the number employed in Welsh Development Agency factories had gone down in recent years.

Mr Walker replied that he would take a wager about the results of 1988. If Wales was not worse than any other region of Britain, perhaps Mr Hughes would give a donation to a mutual charity.

He should be delighted that the biggest fall in unemployment in Wales since the Second World War had taken place in the past 12 months.

Earlier, Mr Rhodri Morgan (Cardiff West, Lab) said that Mr Walker had made the extraordinary claim last week that he was increasing the allocation of regional aid when he was in fact cutting it.

Mr Walker replied that it was remarkable that the biggest single increase in regional aid in one single term in real terms on any occasion should find Mr Morgan so distressed. His constituents would not be.

Minister admits his fears

A Labour taunt that Mr Peter Walker had voted for the community charge legislation out of personal ambition or from fear of Mrs Thatcher led Mr Walker, Secretary of State for Wales, to the joking admission that both might have been responsible.

Mr Ron Davies (Caerphilly, Lab) had asked Mr Walker to acknowledge that in Mid Glamorgan, a county with the worst social and economic deprivation in Wales, every household would be worse off with the community charge.

Mr Walker's displeasure and distaste for the measure had been evident at the debate on second reading. When he had gone against his better judgement and voted for the Bill, which had been uppermost in his mind — personal ambition or fear of the Prime Minister?

Mr Walker said that he did not understand how such a question could be asked when the community charge would be a better system. The suggestion that every household would be worse off was nonsense. Many people, including single parents, widows and those who had carried an unfair burden in the past would be better off.

Only 15 per cent of local government spending in Wales would be financed by the community charge.

Zircon spy journalist honoured

A journalist responsible for a banned television programme about the proposed Zircon spy satellite yesterday featured in the Freedom of Information Awards.

Mr Duncan Campbell's programme was one of a series he made for the BBC, called *Secret Society*, and was withdrawn after legal action by the Government. The awards are made by the Campaign for Freedom of Information.

The group said that in spite of "a near-hysterical and subsequently discredited response to one of the programmes, this series represented a well-substantiated exposé of the unnecessary level of secrecy in Britain".

Another Freedom of Information Award for 1987 was made to Mr Archy Kirkwood, the Liberal MP for Roxburgh and Berwickshire. He introduced a private member's Bill on access to personal files. It became law last May.

The awards were presented in London by Mr Seymour Hersh, a United States journalist who has won the American Pulitzer Prize.

Legal Aid Bill

Reduced rate may force out solicitors

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs Correspondent

Proposals to scrap the statutory duty on the Lord Chancellor to give "fair" rates of pay to lawyers doing criminal legal aid will force increasing numbers to drop out of the work, the Law Society and General Council of the Bar say today.

In a joint statement to coincide with the committee stage of the Legal Aid Bill in the Lords, the two bodies say that legal aid rates of pay are already inadequate and that a "second class service is imminent".

"Increasing numbers of solicitors are being forced to give up criminal legal aid work", they say. "More will follow if the Legal Aid Bill, as proposed, scraps the obligation for lawyers doing legal aid work to be paid fairly."

A survey by the Law Society last year of 300 firms doing legal aid work has shown that 36 have already stopped doing the work. Mr Peter Soar, a one-man firm in Cambridge, said yesterday: "I stopped doing criminal legal aid a year ago, along with a number of others". It was no longer viable to do it, he said.



Lord Ackner: tabled two amendments to the Bill.

The next area of legal aid work to be dropped would be matrimonial, for which the Government has brought in fixed rates of pay; and after that the threat would extend across the board, since the Legal Aid Bill proposed standard or fixed fees for all legal aid work.

Bristol Law Society has said that the legal aid service is at breaking point because of the numbers dropping out. The fees for criminal legal aid work are often 25 per cent below the levels for other legal aid work, according to Mr Bill Owen, joint secretary of the 600-member society.

In the last month two big Bristol practices — Osborne Clarke, and Trump and Partners — have had to pull out from criminal legal aid because it is no longer competitive for them to do the work.

A survey for the Law Society in 1986 showed that the net fee income of a solicitor on his own with no legal aid work dropped from £20,500 a year to £9,400 if 30 per cent of his work was through legal aid. In firms with five to 14 partners, the figure was £54,000 to £28,000.

Under the Government's Bill, the legal profession will be subject to the "Lord Chancellor's unfettered discretion to fix all fees at whatever level he is able — or prepared — to negotiate with the Treasury", the Bar says.

The Law Society says that a legal aid service paid for at poor rates will inevitably become a poor service and the result will be two classes of justice: one for those who can afford to pay and one severely inadequate for those who cannot.

The society and the Bar are pressing an amendment to the Bill, tabled by the distinguished law lord, Lord Ackner, which would oblige the Government to be bound by a duty to give fair rates of pay.

The Bill also entitles the Lord Chancellor to take account of other demands on the public purse when fixing rates of pay; the two bodies accept that as a legitimate consideration.

But they say: "Rates of pay must be sufficient to ensure the service Parliament wants can realistically be provided".

If not, the Government can conceal cutbacks in the service simply by making less money available to pay the lawyers and, inevitably, "practitioners would find the work uneconomical and the service to the public would suffer".

Lord Ackner is also tabling an amendment for the setting up of new pay machinery between the profession and the Government, which would have the task of advising on appropriate rates.

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Shop trip costs two their jobs

Two ambulancemen who stopped on their way to hospital so that one of their wives could go shopping lost their case for unfair dismissal at a Nottingham industrial tribunal yesterday.

Mr Alan Woodward, of Wilford Village, Nottingham, and his colleague, Mr Ron Jones, of Clifton, Nottingham, were dismissed last July for gross misconduct.

Nottingham Health Authority said patients were kept waiting outside a supermarket after Mr Jones gave Mr Woodward's family a lift there in his ambulance.

Mr Woodward was also accused of taking time off work and letting his children run amok at Wilford ambulance station.

The pair argued that all ambulance drivers in Nottingham used their vehicles for private trips.

Mr Andrew Browne, chairman of the tribunal, said: "The two men were advised by their union not to make any comment during the investigation. This was disastrous advice. Their boss acted reasonably to dismiss them."

Poor image blamed for shortage of lawyers

By Our Legal Affairs Correspondent

The poor public image of solicitors, coupled with relatively poor pay and prospects, is causing a national shortage of lawyers in all fields of work in both private and public sectors, the Young Solicitors' Group says in a report published yesterday.

The recruitment crisis has become so acute that it is a problem even in London for the West End and small City firms who have difficulty recruiting qualified staff for litigation and commercial conveyancing.

Even the big City firms, which used to be able to recruit high-calibre newly-qualified solicitors at the expense of the smaller firms, are having problems, the report says.

They have had to start recruiting from much further afield, such as from Scotland, Australia and New Zealand.

There is also a great shortage in local government, compounded by "underfunding, adverse publicity and the fact that solicitors are not well-informed of the opportunities available for them in local government".

Across the board the profession is losing to other professions and to industry "where the initial salaries and perks are far more attractive than in the solicitors' profession and a fast career progression can be seen".

Statistics commissioned by the Law Society from Mr P G Marks, assistant to the rector of the Polytechnic of Central London, show there are fewer admitted solicitors than in 1980-81, particularly men.

Although the numbers of women are increasing, many drop out after 10 years for family reasons.

The group, which represents solicitors under 36, calls for steps to present a better image of the profession to young people before they apply for higher education to encourage them to opt to study law.

The Law Society should continue pressure on the local authority to give mandatory rather than discretionary grants for the common professional examination and finals course and provide more vocational training places at the college of law and polytechnics, the group says.

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190E 2.3-16	2299	4	180	7.5	143	24.4 (11.6)	45.6 (6.2)	35.7 (7.9)
190E 2.6	2599	6	166	8.9	134	22.6 (12.5)	42.2 (6.7)	34.0 (8.3)
DIESEL 190D	1997	4	72	17.9	100	35.8 (7.9)	53.3 (5.3)	40.9 (6.9)
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Mersey tunnel fraud

Thieving vehicle toll men enjoyed luxury lifestyles

Tunnel toll collectors amassed more than £1 million of ratepayers' money in a series of frauds at Mersey tunnels.

Money handed over by motorists at the tunnels was siphoned by the collectors regularly, earning the gang as much as £11,000 a week.

Eighteen men have been convicted at Liverpool Crown Court in trials on charges of theft and dishonesty. They exploited the chaos created by the introduction of automatic cash counting technology to siphon funds.

The frauds were stopped when, in an operation codenamed "Abacus", more than 100 detectives swooped on the toll collectors, arresting 38 men and raiding their homes on December 19, 1985.

The collecters enjoyed a luxurious lifestyle. One owned three cars, a boat and a caravan on his annual salary of £10,000. Another had accumulated funds of up to £60,000. A third member of the syndicate had more than a year's unopened wage packets in his house.

Mr John Wilkinson, tunnels chief auditor, who uncovered the fraud, said: "It was all down to each individual's greed to determine how much extra they took home at the end of the day".

Seventy toll collectors are responsible for charging vehicles passing through the Birkenhead and Wallasey tunnels. A toll of 40p per car was charged at the time of the thefts.

In 1980, work on the introduction of a computerized system was started, with drivers dropping cash into a collecting hopper.

Meanwhile, a stop-gap method was introduced and toll collectors were given tickets to dispatch to each motorist. If a driver did not take the ticket, the operator would pocket the money and hand the ticket to the next car.

Another method involved issuing a 20p motor-cycle ticket to a lorry paying £1.

When the automatic system was introduced, the collectors devised a way to close down communications between the central computers and the counting room, where they stole more money.

The administrators of the tunnel toll system attributed the loss of revenue to cheaper public transport fares, which they thought had discouraged tunnel users from travelling by car. But in April 1985, auditors discovered that thousands of pounds were being taken from the cash room.

An anonymous letter was sent to the administrators, informing them about the fraud. After a lengthy inquiry, detectives closed the tunnels on December 19, 1985, and swooped on the men.

Of 38 arrests, 28 were charged and two have since died. The men were suspended on full pay, pending their trial, and those who were found not guilty have been reinstated. Three weeks after the police inquiry was completed, revenue from the tunnels rose by £11,000 a week.

Det Supt Bob Coady, who led the police investigation, said: "Certain individuals have obviously made a lot of money. Their lifestyles exceeded what one would expect for their income.

"One had in excess of £50,000 to £60,000 in various places. Some people had not been using their wages, and were living off whatever they took."

Mr Wilkinson said: "When the evidence became available about irregularities, it was acted upon immediately. Suspecting something and proving something are two very different things."

Judge Temple banned reporting on the trials until the last case was heard. He is expected to sentence the 18 convicted men this week.

● The trial of three collectors, said to have stolen more than £300,000 in tolls at the Tamar bridge linking Devon and Cornwall, was halted at Plymouth Crown Court yesterday when a juror disclosed that he had worked with a relative of one of the defendants.

The case will begin afresh today, when a new jury is sworn in.

The toll collectors, Alan Hutchinson, aged 56, Mansour Eskandray, aged 32, and Robert Collings, aged 42, all of Plymouth, earlier pleaded not guilty to charges of theft.

Mr Anthony Domne, for the prosecution, had said the alleged fraud, between February 1982 and September 1986, was uncovered by police using binoculars to watch the bridge.

The collectors had returned used vouchers, pocketing motorists' money themselves, he said.

Pride is sailing back into Hartlepool



By Peter Davenport

"When this ship was built, it took 2,000 men two years." Stan Morrell paused to peer through the captain's stern gallery (above) in the wooden warship, Foudroyant. "We've got just 70 to put her back into shape."

The 38-gun frigate was built in 1817 in Bombay and ended her working days as a training ship for boy seamen. Now, laid up at Hartlepool, she is giving new life to generations of expertise that Hartlepudlians thought had died with Gray's, shipyard, 25 years ago.

Shipwrights sold off tools they inherited from their fathers. The lucky ones turned to other industries, the rest to the unemployment queue. Today, their skills are back in daily use at the Hartlepool Ship Restoration Company.

After the acclaimed, £6 million restoration of HMS Warrior, Britain's first ironclad warship, now on permanent display in Portsmouth, the team that carried out the work has created a new industry.

The company has millions of pounds worth of work on its order book. It has established a worldwide reputation and has branched out into the profitable sideline of building replica ships. It is at present working on two, worth about £2 million, for London's Tobacco Dock. Awaiting restoration with Foudroyant is HMS Minerva, a Monitor class ship which took part in the Gallipoli campaign.

Restoration of Foudroyant, originally named HMS Trincomalee is expected to cost about £3 million.

Photograph: Ted Ditchburn.



Reluctant sellers push home prices

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent

The reluctance of house owners to sell is causing a shortage of supply which could push property prices up, the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors says in its latest survey published today.

In its survey for the quarter to the end of December, it says there is a general shortage of property, "partly due to owners being reluctant to sell while property values are still rising, together with a tendency for vendors to wait until the traditional spring selling period. Indeed, if demand continues to outstrip supply, price increases will persist."

The housing market showed few signs of the usual Christmas holiday lull, with demand remaining strong. Half the 154 estate agents contributing to the survey reported increases of 2 per cent in the quarter, while 18 per cent reported increases of 5 per cent.

The institution adds that last month's slowing market in the South-east was relatively short-lived. "Agents have reported an air of market confidence with little evidence of a Christmas lull."

Mr Peter Miller, the institution's housing market spokesman, said that December saw greater than expected activity.

A survey of Yorkshire and Humberside reports says prices increased steadily over the past 12 months.

About 65 per cent of agents reported price increases of 2 per cent, and none a decrease, in the quarter to the end of December.

New business had been attracted to enterprise zones after a number of difficult years for the steel and other industries.

● The Leeds Permanent Building Society reports a 19.2 per cent annual increase in house prices, and expects the rate of increase to remain in double figures this year.

Jury hears of martial arts course

John Duffy, the alleged "railways killer" regularly attended martial arts classes where painful and paralysing techniques were taught, the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

Mr David Archer, a former self defence instructor, said Mr Duffy, aged 30, was "a very quick learner".

Mr Archer was giving evidence on the fifth day of the trial in which Mr Duffy has denied murdering two women and a schoolgirl aged 15, and raping seven women.

Mr Archer, aged 31, said he ran classes which included teaching "nerve holds", techniques which paralysed an opponent.

He said Mr Duffy missed a class in July 1986. A friend informed him that Mr Duffy had been mugged and had suffered loss of memory.

The prosecution has alleged that on the day Mr Duffy was interviewed in connection with the charges against him, he claimed amnesia.

Asked whether Mr Duffy had any difficulty in remembering things when he returned to classes, Mr Archer replied: "Not at all".

The trial continues.

Court told of man's awful grin

A business woman told the Central Criminal Court yesterday that she saw the man accused of strangling seven old people with a "terrible grin" on his face on the day he allegedly killed his last victim in a flat near by.

Miss Denise Keena, aged 25, told the jury that she saw Kenneth Erskine leaning over the rail of Putney Bridge, south-west London, apparently being sick.

When Miss Keena was about eight feet away he looked over his shoulder at her and she saw his expression. "It was a sort of terrible grin. It was a horrible, disgusting, awful expression. He had wide and staring eyes. His mouth was open."

The encounter came on the evening of July 23, 1986 — the day of the Duke of York's wedding - and the day when Mr Erskine's alleged seventh victim, Mrs Florence Tisdall, aged 83, was found murdered at her home in Ranelagh Gardens Mansions, Ranelagh Gardens, Fulham.

Mr Erskine, of no fixed address, denies murdering Mrs Tisdall and six other elderly people.

The trial continues today.

Pop stars 'did not play on group's first hits'

Members of the pop group, Frankie Goes To Hollywood, had little to do with its first two records, which both went to number one in the music charts, a court was told yesterday.

The songs contained "no performance by members of the band", apart from the voice of the lead singer, Holly Johnson — and even that had to be subjected to a considerable amount of work to "bring it into line musically", Mr Andrew Bateson, QC, said.

The records, "Relax" and "Two Tribes", were the result of the expertise of top record producer, Trevor Horn, using high technology recording equipment and session musicians, Mr Bateson told Mr Justice Whitford, QC, in the High Court.

The record company, Zang Tumb Tuum, and the music publishers, Perfect Songs, seek injunctions preventing Holly Johnson from going solo and working for other companies. They claim he will be in breach of agreements with them if he does.

After "Relax" reached number one in 1983, Mr Horn dropped other work, at a cost of £50,000, to concentrate on producing a follow-up.

The next work was an album called Welcome to the Pleasure Dome and "the band did perform in some of the songs on this", Mr Bateson said. But again the work done by Mr Horn was "very substantial".

In 1985 Mr Johnson announced that he planned to leave the group.

Mr Johnson denies breach of agreements. He is fighting the move to ban him from continuing his career with other companies and is counter-claiming that he is still owed money.

The hearing continues.

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Whites held by Zimbabwe police

Harare – Five whites, one a British citizen, are under arrest in the western city of Bulawayo after a series of arrests on Sunday (Jan Raath writes). Lawyers have not been granted access to the five, one of them a woman, and no reason for their arrest has been given by police.

Residents says the city is still tense after the car bomb on Monday last week that nearly demolished a building used by the African National Congress and killed two people. On Sunday plain-clothes police burst into the home of Mr Rory Maguire, a Bulawayo garage owner, and took his wife, their two children, and Mrs Maguire's elderly parents into custody. All but Mr Maguire were released after two hours but found their house locked and armed guards stationed outside.

Later on Sunday four others were picked up, including Mr Michael Howard, an employee of Mr Maguire's and a Zimbabwean resident born in Britain. A lawyer said it was hoped access to those arrested would be granted today.

Roh offer to Kims

Seoul (Reuter) – Mr Roh Tae Woo, South Korea's president-elect, made an unprecedented offer yesterday to share his administration with opposition members.

"I will ask the opposition to recommend appropriate politicians to fill some Cabinet portfolios," Mr Roh told reporters, but did not elaborate.

There was no immediate reaction from opposition leaders such as Mr Kim Young Sam and Mr Kim Dae Jung, defeated by Mr Roh in presidential elections a month ago. The poll, the first free direct presidential vote in 16 years, was declared fraudulent by the opposition.

Barre will campaign

Paris – The ritual dance before the first round of France's presidential election in late April continued yesterday when M Raymond Barre declared that he would be a candidate (Philip Jacobson writes).

Actually, it was his campaign manager who said it. For unexplained reasons M Barre is waiting another three weeks before he formally throws his conservative hat into the ring. With M Jacques Chirac announcing his candidacy at the weekend the rival conservative camps will now be applying themselves to deciding who ultimately represents the right in the final round of voting in May.

Jet lands under fire

Lisbon (AFP) – Anti-aircraft fire narrowly missed a Portuguese airliner carrying 263 passengers as it came in to land at the airport serving the Angolan capital, Luanda, last week, the national airline TAP confirmed yesterday. An airline spokesman said the pilot had reported seeing tracer bullets passing close by as he was landing.

The Angolan Government has started an inquiry. The daily paper, *O Dia*, said that those on board included the Portuguese and Spanish ambassadors to Angola and the Portuguese consul. It quoted one passenger as saying shells skimmed past the pilot's cabin, just missing it.

Clean MP resigns

Tokyo – A member of the upper house of the Japanese Parliament has resigned from the opposition Clean Government Party after allegations that he accepted a bribe of about £40,000 (David Watts writes).

Mr Fujio Tashiro, aged 56, was questioned about the money which was said to have been paid by an association of gravel ship operators in return for representations he made on their behalf to the government of Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone. Mr Tashiro denied taking a bribe, saying the money was a political donation.

Prize for Britons

Jerusalem (AP) – Two British scientists have been awarded the 1988 Wolf Foundation prize for their work on the origin of the universe, Mr Yitzhak Navon, the Israeli Education Minister, announced yesterday.

Mr Roger Penrose, a mathematician and physicist from Oxford University, and Mr Stephen Hawking, a physicist from Cambridge University, will share $100,000 (£56,000) in prize money for their researches into the "big bang" theory, relating to the initiation of the universe.

Key minister quits



Colombo – The Sri Lankan Finance and Planning Minister, Mr Ronny de Mel, aged 62, right, left his post yesterday after President Jayewardene made it clear to him that he could no longer remain in the Cabinet after criticizing the Government in Parliament last month (Vijitha Yapa writes). Mr de Mel, who was finance minister for 10 years, said that he had stopped calling Sri Lanka a democracy after 1982 when a controversial refereadum was held by the President to extend the term of Parliament by another six years instead of holding a general election which was due in July 1983.

"We need fresh elections, we must hold elections before the people rise up and say in God's name go," he told Parliament last month to cheers from opposition benchs. He also said the present Parliament was stale and obsolete. His colleagues protested to the President who after studying the text of what Mr de Mel said asked him to leave the Cabinet.

Curfew starves Gaza refugees into submission

From Ian Murray
Khan Yunis
Occupied Gaza Strip

The hunger has begun to bite and the medical problems to hurt as the curfews begin to take effect. It is certainly proving a successful policy in keeping the area quiet, although at considerable human cost.

All eight of the refugee camps were under curfew yesterday, with troops at roadblocks stopping and searching cars on the north-south road.

The curfew came into force at the camp here before any of the other ones. Troops closed all its entrances on January 5 and since then the people have been allowed out for no more than an hour or two each day to find what food they can.

The tiny shop on the edge of the curfew area sells eggs, *duqah* (brown flour and pepper) and a few poor quality vegetables. The shopkeeper explains that the people in the camp no longer have money to pay him and are living on credit.

An old man says he has "escaped" from the camp because he cannot find enough food there to live on. People are boiling root vegetables with flour and water in order to stay alive, he says.

A woman brings her young son to show the bruise she says is where an Israeli soldier beat him after bursting into their home. Another mother points to the scars on her son's head. "He is deaf and dumb and when he did not answer their questions they beat him," she wails.

Two armed personnel carriers rumble past and soon there is a patrol. "This is a closed military area. Go away," the officer orders. "Get out." He rightly sees that the presence of journalists is starting a demonstration.

At the UN Relief and Works Agency (Unrwa) headquarters, the daily reports from the camps are collated. Each day a truck with emergency rations for 35,000 children under 10 waits at every camp entrance for permission to go in. Some days they are allowed in and some not.

Yesterday two of the camps in the middle of the Strip, El Bureij and Nuseirat, received no supplies and they are already without water. Israeli military sources say the camps have been among the most troublesome to bring under control.

Dr Samir Badri, the Unrwa medical administrator, received a report from Nuseirat that an ambulance was needed to bring in beaten children.

"I describe it as brutality," he says angrily. "It is trying to kill somebody by beating instead of shooting."

He describes seeing a pregnant women beaten in Rafah camp four days before. "She was in labour and went out in the curfew to our clinic and they beat her.

"She was screaming with labour pains and they would not believe her until an Israeli doctor said she would give birth in 30 minutes."

Dr Badri said camp clinics were finding increasing difficulty in operating under curfew. Each doctor sees 120 patients a day but now can only work for an hour. Diabetics are running out of insulin and heart patients are beginning to miss their drugs.

"We have put in a real effort to improve health in the camps, but now we have taken many steps backwards," he said. "Most important of all is the psychological effect of all this.

"The panic we have seen when the teargas explodes, the pregnant women afraid of giving birth to abnormal children. The violence causes violence. When the children are treated in a certain way they react in the same way. I hope there is a solution to all this before the hatred develops in them any more."

● JERUSALEM: Mr Shimon Peres, the Foreign Minister, said yesterday he would try to force early elections over a peace conference on the future of the West Bank and Gaza Strip (Reuter reports).

Elections are scheduled for November, but he said they could take place within three months if endorsed by Parliament.

Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Prime Minister, immediately declared his opposition to the idea. He said: "At this time, when we are under attack, it would not be good for the people of Israel to enter into an elections war. It will weaken our position in the eyes of the Arabs."

Kabul plays down Soviet allies at big army parade

From Christopher Walker, Kabul

Soviet-built MiG fighters screamed low over Kabul yesterday and columns of heavy armour rumbled noisily as the Kremlin-backed Afghanistan regime staged one of the biggest shows of military muscle seen in the capital. The display was for a victory parade to mark last month's breaking of the Khost siege.

It took place as the pace of diplomacy surrounding the Afghan war accelerated, with Señor Diego Cordóvez, the United Nations negotiator, due to begin a shuttle between here and Pakistan in a few days, before next month's crucial resumption of the Geneva peace talks.

More than 2,000 men took part in the march past President Najibullah – whose nervous bodyguards betrayed the tenuousness of his own security – as well as helicopter gunships, mobile Katyusha rocket launchers, T54 tanks and even a squad of machine-guns mounted incongruously on the sidecars of antiquated motorcycles.

Western observers claimed that the purpose of the parade, staged in dazzling sunshine in front of the city's largest mosque, was to increase the impression at home and abroad that the Government is capable of surviving on its own in the event of a Soviet withdrawal.

Moscow forces were conspicuous by their absence, and little mention was made of the key role they played in the battle for Khost. Some Soviet officials were watching under hastily erected canvas awnings, but it was noticeable that most of the applause for the Afghan heroes came from tape-recordings played on crackly loudspeakers.

The breaking of the siege on December 30 is being used as a key propaganda instrument by the Communist regime to try to discredit the guerrillas and to boost Afghan morale and increase confidence in its armed forces, notorious for poor discipline, defections and incompetence.

To support the Government's claims that it has won a famous victory after a siege which lasted intermittently for nearly nine years, the first group of Western journalists permitted to fly into Khost has arrived here from Moscow. We are due to land in the recently besieged city under cover of darkness in the early hours of today.

The timing of the fierce battle for the garrison town close to the Pakistan border surprised many military experts, some of whom saw it as an expresion of Soviet determination not to leave the impression that Moscow's clients had been routed.

Sources who have recently visited the area with the rebels say that the Soviet-backed grip on the town remains fragile.

But President Najibullah displayed no such doubts yesterday as the cream of the Afghan Army (which has slumped in size by 50 per cent since 1979 because of defections) went through its paces to the accompaniment of an out-of-tune band which added an atmosphere of Ruritanian farce to the occasion.

Many of the steel-helmeted soldiers who marched past the dais looked remarkably young, and few were able to display the formidable military professionalism seen from the mud-spattered Soviet vehicles patrolling Kabul.

While mawkish patriotic songs of the ruling People's Democratic Party blared from the loudspeakers, more than 100 men involved in the fighting to open the 80-mile road from Gardez to Khost were presented with medals.

President Najibullah attempted to portray a picture of returning normality. He said that the rebels surrounding Khost had refused to negotiate and that they had assassinated nine local leaders.

No Afghan or Soviet casualty figures were available, but hospital reports indicate that they were high.

The President said that 20,000 tonnes of food and other supplies had now been provided for the 45,000 residents of the town, whose location puts it under constant guerrilla threat.

As a result, the price of salt had fallen 10 times and that of fuel by 30 times its cost during the siege. He pledged that the city would now be kept open, and ordered a minute's silence for those killed trying to break the rebel stranglehold.

British doctor's patient back in class



Bilal, left, in his wheelchair, attending lessons at a school in the Palestinian refugee camp at Bourj al-Barajneh, near Beirut. Bilal, a patient of the British surgeon Dr Pauline Cutting, returned to the camp last month after spending six months in London, where he had an operation on his severed spinal cord.

The Republican battle in Iowa

Acrimony increases as Dole widens his lead over Bush

From Michael Binyon, Washington

Senator Robert Dole, locked in an increasingly acrimonious struggle with Vice-President George Bush for the Republican presidential nomination, has increased his lead over Mr Bush in Iowa, where he vitally needs victory to challenge his rival's overall 2:1 lead in the country.

The latest poll by the *Des Moines Register* suggested that Senator Dole would gain 41 per cent of the Republican caucus vote compared with 26 per cent for Mr Bush – a substantially wider margin than the 4-point lead Mr Dole held a month ago.

The Rev Pat Robertson came third with 11 per cent, followed by Congressman Jack Kemp, former Governor Pete Du Pont and General Alexander Haig, who was bottom of the list with only one per cent.

Mr Bush has been hurt by persistent questioning over his role in the Iran-Contra affair. A *Time* magazine survey published yesterday found that Iowan Republicans, unlike those in New Hampshire, show only lukewarm support for President Reagan, and half the voters want the next President to adopt different policies from the Reagan Administration. This, too, hurts Mr Bush.

In challenging Mr Dole to disclose his tax returns, Mr Bush yesterday released 14 years of his own forms, showing that his taxes have ranged from three to 41 per cent of his annual income.

On Saturday Mr Dole released tax returns dating back to 1966 and details from his wife's trust fund, after a week of questions about the trust's dealing with Mr Dole's political associates.

Mr Dole, making much in Iowa of his rural upbringing in neighbouring Kansas, has sought to contrast his background in a small town during the Depression with that of Mr Bush, the scion of a wealthy Connecticut family. Mr Bush has tried to show that in fact Mr and Mrs Dole are now extremely wealthy.

The inverse class-warfare campaign has become bitter and, to many commentators, increasingly ridiculous. However the imbroglio over Mrs Dole's trust has hurt Mr Dole, especially in the South.

Meanwhile, Mr Du Pont has virtually abandoned his attempt to win delegates in the South, by removing his name from the Texas ballot at the weekend. He took the step of renouncing any chance to capture the 110 delegates from the state because of forged signatures that turned up on his primary petitions.

● Governor's choice: Petitions for the recall of Governor Evan Mecham of Arizona were submitted to the state capitol yesterday, giving the embattled Republican governor the choice of resigning or facing a rare recall election in May that is certain to throw him out of office.

Governor Mecham faces arraignment this week on fraud and perjury charges.

Last Friday a special counsel, Mr William French, told the Arizona Legislature that the Governor was impeachable, citing evidence that he concealed a $350,000 campaign loan, illegally borrowed $80,000 in state funds

Butcher of Balkans dies in jail

Belgrade (AP) – Andrija Artukovic, a convicted war criminal and former Minister of Internal Affairs in the Nazi puppet state of Croatia during the Second World War, died in jail on Saturday, the official Tanjug news agency reported yesterday.

Artukovic, aged 88, was sentenced to execution by firing squad after being convicted of war crimes in a month-long trial in May 1986. The sentence was never carried out because he was ill and the execution was postponed.

Known as the "Butcher of the Balkans," Artukovic was extradited from the United States in February 1986 and put on trial in the Croatian capital of Zagreb two months later.

Tanjug said he died in the hospital at Zagreb prison but did not give the direct cause of death.

He had been suffering from general and cerebral sclerosis and senility, according to his lawyer and the Tanjug report.

The president of Zagreb's district court had ruled that his body should be buried unmarked at an unspecified location, it said.



Andrija Artukovic, arriving by stretcher on extradition to Zagreb in 1986.

Born on November 29, 1899 in Croatia, Artukovic became Interior Minister and security chief in the republic during part of the Second World War.

He was pronounced a war criminal in 1946. But he had already fled from Yugoslavia on May 5, 1945, initially spending time in Ireland, where his son, Radoslav, was born to him and his Austrian-born wife, Anna.

He entered the United States in July 1948 and remained there until his February, 1986 extradition settled a 30-year legal battle between Yugoslavia and the United States.

He had spent most of his time in the United States in California, where his son still lives.

A five-man tribunal in Zagreb found him guilty of ordering the slaughter of thousands of prisoners in the war.

Pope sets strict terms for Moscow visit

From Roger Boyes
Rome

The Pope has set out in remarkably strong and undiplomatic terms his conditions for visiting the Soviet Union, and he declared that he was still waiting for an invitation from Mr Mikhail Gorbachov.

"This should be a real visit in reply to a real invitation," he said during an impromptu press conference on Sunday night. "This invitation has not arrived."

Mr Gorbachov is expected to visit Rome soon – shortly before Easter according to some sources – and the Vatican has been preparing an agenda for the audience. Theoretically, Mr Gorbachov could visit the Italian Government without crossing the open frontier into the Vatican, but this would be almost unprecedented and the Pope's advisors believe the audience to be a certainty.

When Mr Gorbachov comes, protocol would require him to offer an invitation to the Soviet Union. But what kind of invitation? "The gesture would have to be performed in a truthful, open way," the Pope said on his first visit to Italy's Foreign Press Club.

"In the Soviet Union there live a part of the Catholic faithful – in Lithuania, Latvia, in Byelorussia, Kazakhstan and the Ukraine – who desire to see their Pope."

In other words, the Pope is not interested in a simple visit to Moscow as head of state, but only in a pastoral, preaching mission as he conducted three times in Poland.

By stating his preferences so openly he has put Mr Gorbachov on the spot. The Soviet intention had probably been to invite the Pope to Moscow to celebrate the 1,000th anniversary of the Russian Orthodox church. Now the Russians must either offer more, or nothing at all.

Moscow will be further discomfited by the mention of Kazakhstan, which is still smarting from riots last year. In all the informal soundings about the Soviet trip, the idea of the Pope ministering to Kazakh Catholics had not occurred to anybody.

The original aim was for the Pope to make a Soviet trip this year, but this seems improbable and the Russian Orthodox church appears lukewarm about the Pope stealing the limelight of their millenium.

The Pope was rather scathing about the way the Russian Orthodox church has been treating Ukranian Catholics. The Catholics there, he said, had been forced underground and their situation was "difficult though not hopeless".

The Ukranian Catholic church, celebrating Eastern rites, should be legalized but the Russian Orthodox church showed no interest in this, he declared, making few concessions to his future hosts.

The Pope devoted most of his comments to the prospects of the Soviet trip and to the Middle East.

But he was also in a jocular mood, answering the heavy-handed humour characteristic of foreign correspondents throughout the world with his own, even more leaden, wit.

This was the 75th anniversary of the Foreign Press Association and so one question was about the retirement age for Popes. Priests usually had to offer their resignation at the age of 75. "Does a pension scheme exist for Popes," he was asked. "We shall see. We shall have to find a superior in order to submit the request," he said.

Before visiting the Foreign Press Association on Sunday night, the Pope called on a parish priest, Monsignor Piero Pintus. Although this was a courtesy visit it prompted excited speculation in Italy that the late Princess Grace of Monaco may have come a step closer to beatification.

Monsignor Pintus has been the most vociferous lobbyist for her beatification, describing her as an exemplary mother, woman and spouse.

Poll irregularities in Haiti admitted

Port-au-Prince (Reuter) – The man widely expected to be the overall winner in Haiti's presidential elections admitted yesterday that there had been voting irregularities and that turnout in the capital had been low.

M Leslie Manigat won easily in Gonaives, the country's second-biggest city, and was thought to be ahead in most areas after Sunday's general election, according to radio reports.

But a spokesman for the four-party opposition coalition which boycotted the poll called for it be declared null and void. Three of its leaders, M Marc Bazin, M Silvio Claude and M Gerard Gourgue, branded the elections a "fraud" and a "sham" in radio broadcasts yesterday.

M Manigat, aged 57, a former supporter of the ousted Duvalier regime, said that although turnout was low in the capital, it was higher in the provinces and up to 60 per cent in the north.

He told reporters there had been "irregularities" but said this happened in all countries. The Haitian people had not had a real democratic vote in 30 years and "can't be expected suddenly to reach the perfection of, say, the British people," he added.

Meanwhile M Gregoire Eugène, a leading candidate reported to have won the vote in some areas, said he might join the opposition.

M Eugène, aged 62, appeared in a radio interview to be covering his bets on the assumption that he was not going to win, according to diplomats here.

"I don't think the Haitian people would accept results which don't reflect their sentiments," M Eugène, a lawyer, said during the interview. "I am prepared to return to the opposition to take up the struggle, as I did under Duvalier," he said in a reference to the deposed dictator.

Radio stations reported that he had won the race in the northern town of Cap Haitien.

Western diplomats estimated that between five and 10 per cent of Haitians voted in Port-au-Prince and 20 to 40 per cent in the provinces.

The outstanding question in Haiti yesterday was whether the military junta of General Henri Namphy and the new Government could win any degree of credibility for the elections.

The fact that the junta effectively organized the poll was the reason most Haitians boycotted it. Many say it takes the impoverished nation back 30 years to the start of the Duvalier dynasty. A European diplomat said the elections had not been democratic.

Frenchman held for Japan's crime of century

From Philip Jacobson
Paris

A notorious French gangster suspected of involvement in Japan's biggest armed robbery was yesterday counting the cost of over-confidence, after being arrested in a Paris suburb on his way to renew his passport.

According to police sources here, Nordine Tifra, aged 27, who is also wanted in connection with the theft in France of paintings by famous French artists for Japanese collectors, was under surveillance before being arrested on Friday.

The hold-up in which Tifra allegedly participated in November, 1986, took place in central Tokyo. In less than three minutes, four armed men had removed 333 million yen (£1.4 million) of the Mitsubishi Bank's cash from a hijacked armoured car. The gang was on a plane to Singapore almost before the police had totted up the take from Japan's "crime of the century".

Tifra's name soon came up on police computers. Not only was he a renowned hold-up specialist, but he and the other three French suspects had done time in the same French prison as a celebrated Japanese criminal, Shinichi Fujikuma, then serving a sentence for drug offences. Fujikuma is now in jail in Japan.

Tifra was also a prime suspect in the highly professional theft of five Corot works from a provincial gallery and of a number of even more valuable masterpieces, including Monet's *Soleil Levant*, from the Marmottan museum in Paris.

Last month the head of the Interior Ministry's department dealing with art thefts, Commissaire Mireille Balestrazzi, arrived in Tokyo to the sort of press coverage normally reserved for film stars. Mme Balestrazzi is believed to have promised the Japanese full co-operation with their bank raid investigation. A week later she returned to France with four of the stolen Corots.

The Interior Ministry issued a statement saying Tifra was charged yesterday with armed robbery. He has denied taking part in the Japanese theft or even being in Japan at the time.

Iraqi exile lured to death in lobby of Khartoum Hilton

By Nicholas Beeston and Hazhir Teimourian

A prominent Iraqi dissident cleric murdered in Khartoum had been lured from London by a false invitation to attend an Islamic conference, his colleagues claimed yesterday.

An unidentified assassin shot dead Mr Mahdi al-Hakim, a Shia Muslim leader, in the crowded lobby of the Khartoum Hilton on Sunday evening, and wounded his nephew and aide, Mr Halim Abdul-Wahab. The gunman then fired shots in the air to frighten guests and hotel staff before fleeing in a car with diplomatic licence plates.

Mr Hakim was a prominent exiled political and religious leader closely associated with Iran and strongly opposed to the regime of President Hussein of Iraq. His younger brother, Mr Muhammad Baqer Hakim, is chairman of the Iranian-backed Supreme Assembly of the Islamic Revolution of Iraq in Tehran.

"There is absolutely no doubt he was murdered by Iraqi intelligence," a spokesman for Mr Hakim's office in London said yesterday. "He received a false invitation to go to Khartoum and was then murdered by an Iraqi agent."

Mr Hakim, aged 53, fled from Iraq in 1969 soon after the coming to power of the present Baathist government and had been living in London with his wife and four childen for the past six years. Friends said that 17 members of his family had been killed or executed in Iraq since 1983, but that Iraqi agents could not risk the diplomatic embarrassment of assassinating him in London.

Mr Hakim sought advice from the Metropolitan Police on security precautions in London but he usually travelled abroad about 20 times a year. His Friday sermons in support of Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini frequently attracted up to 500 Shia faithful to his mosque in west London.

His colleagues said that he was a target for Baghdad because he was currently engaged in a campaign to unite all Iraqi anti-government groups. "In the past six months he has been trying to unite the major opposition parties, including the Kurds, the Islamic groups and the Iraqi nationalist organizations," Mr Saad Jabr, the leader of Iraq's anti-government New Umma Party, said.



Mr Hakim: Seventeen of his relatives already killed.

He added that the assassination followed the recent killings of anti-government Iraqi students in Pakistan and the poisoning of several Kurdish activists, three of whom are being treated at a hospital in London.

Reports from Khartoum said that police had made little headway in their investigation, but the authorities admitted that they regarded the killing as "connected to Iraqi politics".

● KHARTOUM: The assassination will put serious strains on the delicate balancing act under which Sudan tries to maintain good relations with Islamic countries of all political shades (A Correspondent writes).

Sudan depends on economic and military assistance from many Arab states to keep afloat its economy – burdened by a £7.3 billion debt – and to pursue the four-year-old civil war against the Sudan People's Liberation Army.

Sudan has bartered grain for oil from Iran in the past, but was more recently reported to have received weapons, including surface-to-air missiles, from Iraq.

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Begun quits Russia after 16-year fight

From Our Own Correspondent
Moscow

Iosef Begun, the Jewish activist who was branded an agent of Israeli intelligence and a criminal by the Soviet media, left the Soviet Union yesterday for a new life in Israel, ending a 16-year struggle to leave his homeland.

The departure of Mr Begun, aged 55, who spent nine years in prison camps and internal exile because of his activities on behalf of Soviet Jews, leaves the movement in a leadership crisis.

He was flying to Israel via Bucharest with six family members – his wife Ina, aged 53, his mother-in-law, aged 79, and his son Boris and daughter-in-law Yana, both aged 23, and their two children aged five and one.

Unlike other emotion-charged departures of refuseniks, few tears were shed for Mr Begun and his family as they struggled through customs at Sheremetyevo airport, Moscow.

The departure seemed strangely businesslike compared to others. Fewer than a dozen friends shook hands and exchanged hugs with the Beguns as they departed. The great flood of tears and sobbing, so common at other departures, was absent.

"I am sad about leaving our friends who are here, but I am happy to be leaving," Mr Begun told reporters at the airport.

He was granted an exit visa in September, but stayed on to ensure that his entire family would be allowed to leave as well.

Prior to his departure, Mr Begun said he was contemplating beginning legal proceedings in Moscow against the Soviet media for defamation.



Mr Begun, holding his granddaughter Dina, waves goodbye to friends at Moscow airport.

Ershad to postpone poll until March

Dhaka – President Ershad of Bangladesh postponed the general election from February 28 to March 3 as the opposition stepped up campaigns for a boycott of the poll (Ahmed Fazl writes).

The election commission set a new deadline of Saturday for nomination papers to be returned, but gave no reason for the changes.

However, official sources said that the move was intended to avoid a confrontation with the two key opposition alliances, which have called a general strike tomorrow and Thursday in an attempt to prevent prospective candidates from submitting nomination papers.

"It is also meant to give the opposition a scope to reconsider their stand."

Sheikha Hasina Wazed, chief of the Awami League, which dominates an eight-party alliance, said her boycott campaign would continue.

US defence official quits

Washington – Mr Fred Ikle, the Defence Department's third-ranking official, has submitted his resignation to President Reagan and plans to leave his post next month (Christopher Thomas writes).

"I've been in this job for seven years and it's time to look to the future," Mr Ikle said. He denied that his departure was connected with the appointment of Mr Frank Carlucci as Defence Secretary.

Conté change

Conakry (Reuter) – President Conté of Guinea dropped his deputy and the defence and interior ministers in a Cabinet reshuffle which followed reports of discontent in the Army and food riots in the West African state.

Aeroflot crash

Moscow (Reuter) – Eleven people were killed when an Aeroflot airliner crashed while landing at Krasnovodsk, near the Iranian border in Soviet Turkmeniya, *Izvestia* reported.

Refugee fear

Hong Kong (Reuter) – The Hong Kong Government gave a warning that the number of boat people arriving here from Vietnam had risen sharply since last May and many more were expected in 1988.

Spies hanged

Damascus (Reuter) – Three Syrians convicted of spying for Israel were hanged in a Damascus central square.

Storm deaths

New York (AP) – An intense storm blamed for seven deaths hit southern California and spread snow across the south-west US.

Priest jailed

Orense (Reuter) – A Spanish priest who shot a mourner in the foot at a funeral gathering has been sentenced to three years' imprisonment in the psychiatric wing of a Madrid jail.

Swedes strike

Stockholm – Swedish manufacturing industry was hit by a strike of 50,000 white-collar workers demanding an improvement on a 0.9 per cent pay-rise offered by the employers' organization.

China visit

Peking (AFP) – Mrs Gro Harlem Brundtland, Norway's Prime Minister, has begun a three-day visit to China.

Killer bolts

Nairobi (AP) – Lightning bolts in western Kenya killed eight people.

Political stalemate strains balance of power in Sudan

From Andrew Buckocke, Khartoum

Sudan has walked what many countries would consider a political tightrope in the past five months. To all intents and purposes, it has been governed without the benefit of a government.

The ruling coalition was dissolved in August and no formally constituted administration has taken its place. Given the tensions in the country, this sidestepping of democratic niceties makes relatively little difference.

Under a gentlemen's agreement between Mr Sadiq al-Mahdi and Mr Osman el-Mirghani, the leaders of the two biggest parties in the old coalition, Mr al-Mahdi remains as Prime Minister and the rest of the Cabinet continue in their duties.

Even for the 15 months that the coalition was supposedly intact, the parties involved could not agree on – let alone table or pass – any significant legislation. Charitable observers say this is because Sudan, as one of Africa's new and rare multi-party democracies, is struggling towards consensus politics.

More cynical voices say it is the result of a lack of political will among the northern Muslim majority to tackle the key problem – the civil war – compounded by political infighting based on personal ambition.

The four-year conflict in the south, where the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) is fighting for the repeal of *sharia* (Islamic laws) and greater autonomy for the predominantly African, Christian and animist south, costs $1 million (£560,000) a day to a country whose entire export earnings would cover less than half the interest and repayments due on its $13 billion external debt.

Sudan is barely kept afloat by aid from the West and conservative Arab states, nervous of any further rapprochement between Sudan and Libya and other radical states.

Despite Mr al-Mahdi's often-declared intention of repealing or modifiying *sharia*, the leaders of his New National Umma Party, based on the Muslim Ansar sect of which he is hereditary head, as well as those of Mr el-Mirghani's Democratic Unionist Party, are constantly looking over their shoulders at Dr Hassan Turabi and the National Islamic Front, the opposition fundamentalist party.

No northern politician is ready to be associated with actions that could be construed as anti-Muslim. But

There is a lack of will among the Muslim majority in the north to tackle the key problem of the civil war

many northern Muslims are far from strict observers of the faith – alcohol is widely consumed at private parties – and the amputations and floggings prescribed by *sharia* have not been inflicted since President Nimeiry was deposed in 1985.

The streets of Khartoum give little hint of the civil war raging far to the south. They are refreshingly peaceful and free of uniforms compared with most African cities.

The Islamic Front only has a few seats in the Constituent Assembly, but is well supported among students and the Army and is well organized. The party, mindful that the downfall of President Nimeiry was precipitated by demonstrations over cuts in food subsidies sponsored by the International Monetary Fund, attempted to take advantage of the IMF-led devaluation and fuel price rises imposed on Mr al-Mahdi's administration last September.

Perhaps because the urban population is now more aware of the dire economic situation, demonstrations this time did not spread beyond the pro-Front students. But the party remains capable of promoting or taking advantage of public dissent.

Mr al-Mahdi has been in tentative contact with the SPLA, incurring the condemnation of both the Front and the Democratic Unionists, its old coalition partner.

But the seriousness of the secret talks in London last November and December can be gauged by the fact that they coincide with the SPLA's capture and subsequent loss of two villages on the Ethiopian border, Kurmuk and Gizen, farther north than it has ever operated.

When Mr al-Mahdi commented on the talks in early January, suggesting that the rebels were moderating their conditions for a ceasefire, the SPLA responded by denying that any ceasefire was likely and by announcing the capture of the small southern town of Kapoeta.

The constitutional conference that is supposed to follow a ceasefire, according to a provisional agreement between the Government and the SPLA, is still no nearer than it was when a senior minister said it would be convened in weeks. That was 14 months ago.

The talks certainly look much further away than when Mr al-Mahdi's elected Government came to power in April, 1986 – after the year of transitional military rule that followed President Nimeiry's fall – apparently firmly committed to negotiating a settlement with the SPLA.

Under the current political and military stalemete, the risk of an ambitious army officer taking matters into his own hands, as Colonel Gaafar Muhammad Nimeiry did in 1969, must remain great.

Setting Europe's arms priorities

Shevardnadze offers more cuts

From Richard Owen, Bonn

As moves towards a Nato summit in March gathered pace yesterday, Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, declared that the Soviet Union was ready to negotiate conventional force reductions with the West.

But at a dinner in his honour in Bonn, he simultaneously called for the removal of tactical nuclear weapons in Europe. West German politicians on both right and left want to follow the INF Treaty removing medium and shorter range missiles with an agreement to reduce – or at least not to modernize – short-range missiles, the final tier in Nato's nuclear arsenal in Europe.

Outlining priorities on the second day of his three-day official visit, Mr Shevardnadze called for a ban on chemical weapons, but did not mention Russia's own chemical arsenal. He scorned Western allegations that Moscow was reluctant to discuss the conventional imbalance, saying that such allegations had been used before to throw doubt on Soviet good faith in nuclear arms negotiations, "like some mediaeval chimera to frighten one another and the world".

But now the principle of mutual verification and inspection had become a reality, he said. Russia wanted to know whether the West was also ready for constructive arms talks after the INF Treaty, and "much depends on the position of West Germany".

Pressure for a Nato summit to decide the West's post-INF negotiating priorities has been mounting for some weeks. Mrs Thatcher last week became the first Western leader to call for such a summit before the next Gorbachov-Reagan encounter planned for the summer. She also has made it clear that the priority must be conventional reductions before any further nuclear reductions are considered.

At last night's banquet in Bad Godesberg, however, Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the West German Foreign Minister, recalled that at Reykjavik last June Nato had agreed to draw up a mandate for negotiations on the reduction of short-range nuclear systems to "equal and verifiable levels". Such missiles, with a range of 300 miles or less, had "particular significance for us Germans," Herr Genscher said. He also called for conventional and chemical weapons talks, welcomed the prospect of a 50 per cent cut in strategic missiles, and urged Congress to ratify the INF Treaty.

Mr Shevardnadze said that tactical missiles, whether Soviet or American, were exclusively aimed at states "which are in the front line between the two military-political alliances". Removal of such weapons would be in the fundamental interests of all Europeans, he said.

The two ministers yesterday hailed the INF Treaty as a "historic event", and in talks marked by a remarkable atmosphere of mutual admiration agreed that the division of Europe had to be overcome.

Herr Genscher went out of his way, however, to assure West European opinion that growing bilateral Soviet-West German ties were "not directed against anyone". He referred to an interview given by President Mitterrand in which the French leader said that Bonn was entitled to play a "specific role" towards the East because of historical and geographical factors and that West Germany's place in the Western democratic system was not in doubt.

Mr Shevardnadze will hold talks today with Chancellor Helmut Kohl about a summit later in the year between Herr Kohl and Mr Gorbachov. Mr Shevardnadze is the first Soviet Foreign Minister to visit Bonn for five years.

Mitterrand hails defence partnership

From Our Own Correspondent, Bonn

President Mitterrand of France, in his first interview with a West German paper for six years, called yesterday for strengthened Franco-German military co-operation as a contribution to European defence.

He also said in *Die Welt* that Anglo-French nuclear collaboration would strengthen Western security, but emphasized that the Franco-German brigade was a limited conventional force, and ruled out a joint European atomic option.

M Mitterrand said that the French *force de frappe*, like the British deterrent, "can only serve precise national interests". Inclusion of British and French missiles in any future arms talks could be considered only when the superpowers had concluded their own nuclear negotiations.

The President and Chancellor Kohl of West Germany are to meet at the Elysée Palace on Friday to mark the 25th anniversary of the Franco-German treaty, the foundation of their postwar reconciliation and a keystone in building a united Europe.

The symbolic Paris summit comes as Anglo-German ties are under strain. Herr Kohl last week accused Mrs Thatcher of assuming – like Lord Palmerston – that Britain was "privileged on account of history".

President Mitterrand said in his interview that Bonn was fully entitled to "look east". He emphasized the German role in Europe and the shared interests of France and West Germany from the time of de Gaulle and Adenauer.

But M Mitterrand placed the emphasis firmly on defence, noting that because of the growing harmonization of West German and French political, diplomatic and economic policies, defence was "very much on the agenda of the forthcoming anniversary".

Asked about fears that West Germany was tempted by the concept of a neutral Central Europe, with the aim of German reunification, M Mitterrand said it was natural that West Germany should look east because of its geography.

In a phrase warmly welcomed by Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the West German Foreign Minister, he observed: "When West Germany is fully committed to the building of Europe, as I believe it is, why should it not play a specific role in accordance with its historical reality? These concerns are not to be confused with neutralism. We belong to the same alliance, the same Europe, have the same democratic system and, I hope, the same future."

M Mitterrand said he hoped that the postwar division of Europe could be overcome. But he did not believe that the overwhelming Soviet conventional threat to West Germany, following the removal of European-based missiles under the INF Treaty between the superpowers, would push Bonn towards neutralism.

Botha faces crisis on Hendrickse revolt

From Michael Hornsby
Johannesburg

Johannesburg – Police said yesterday that seven more blacks were killed in overnight unrest in black townships around Pietermaritzburg, Natal (Michael Hornsby writes). The deaths included that of a two-year-old boy. Forty-two people have died in black feuding in the area this year.

President Botha of South Africa is facing a constitutional crisis because of the growing militancy of a former Coloured (mixed-race) Cabinet minister, the Rev Allan Hendrickse, who was once pilloried as little more than a lackey of the Government.

Mr Hendrickse, an ordained minister in the Congregational Church, is leader of the Labour Party, the majority party in the House of Representatives, the Coloured chamber of South Africa's tricameral Parliament.

The country's five million whites, 2.9 million Coloureds and 900,000 Indians are represented on a proportional basis in the Parliament, which was set up by Pretoria in 1984 and has a House of Assembly for whites and a House of Delegates for Indians.

The three houses are elected on segregated voters' rolls. Formally, decision-taking is by consensus, but the system is rigged to give the white chamber the final say on almost all matters of importance. South Africa's 25 million blacks are unrepresented.

Over the past year Mr Hendrickse has tried to defend his participation in the Parliament, which is shunned by most politically active Coloureds and Indians, by using the limited power it gives him to press for a much faster dismantling of apartheid.

The latest turn in the increasingly hostile relationship between Mr Botha and the troublesome cleric has come with Mr Hendrickse's attempt to dismiss a fellow Labour Party member, Mr Carter Ebrahim, from his position as Minister of Education and Culture in the Council of Ministers of the House of Representatives.

Mr Ebrahim was one of the few delegates at the Labour Party's annual national congress at the end of last month who did not support Mr Hendrickse in making the abolition of segregated residential areas a precondition for the party's agreement to postpone general elections.

Elections to all three houses are constitutionally required before the end of next year, barely two years after last May's elections to the white House of Assembly. Mr Botha wants to postpone the elections until 1992, but cannot amend the Constitution without the support of all three chambers.

Mr Ebrahim has refused to be sacked, however, arguing, pedantically but correctly, that he was appointed by Mr Botha, and that only the President can remove him. Mr Hendrickse has now put the ball in Mr Botha's court by asking him to do just that.

Formally, Mr Botha, as both an executive and ceremonial President, appoints not only all members of the national Cabinet but also the members of the subordinate white, Coloured and Indian Councils of Ministers which handle health, education and other "own affairs" of their respective race groups.

Will Mr Botha be prepared to sacrifice Mr Ebrahim, who took his side against Mr Hendrickse in the debate over an election postponement? If Mr Botha refuses Mr Hendrickse's request he would, according to most legal opinion, be in breach of the spirit of the Constitution at the very least.

Mr Hendrickse may be getting his own back for the smarting humiliation he suffered early last year when he went for an unlawful swim off a whites-only beach in Port Elizabeth and was forced by Mr Botha to make a public apology as the price for retaining his seat in the Cabinet as a Minister without Portfolio.

He lost that position anyway last August, after Mr Botha accused him of agreeing to an election postponement in the privacy of a Cabinet meeting and then changing his mind in public later.

In a further act of defiance, Mr Hendrickse is leading a move to boycott festivities to be held next month at Mossel Bay on the Cape's south coast to mark the 500th anniversary of the rounding of the Cape of Good Hope by the Portuguese navigator, Bartholomew Diaz.

Mr Botha, and other government and parliamentary officials, are due to be on hand to greet a replica of Diaz's sailing ship when it arrives from Lisbon. The whites-only Mossel Bay beach is to be opened to all races for the festival but closed to blacks again afterwards.



Mr Hendrickse: Putting pressure on President to sack a fellow minister.

Return of the guerrilla guru tests Italy's will to forgive

From Roger Boyes, Rome

Franco Piperno's dogs, a Doberman and a German Shepherd, left the aircraft first; then came his gaunt Polish girlfriend. Finally, the scholarly pipe-smoking mastermind of one of Italy's most lethal urban guerrilla groups emerged to be handcuffed by the police.

Piperno, symbol of the 1968 riots that curdled into the kidnappings and shootings of the 1970s, has returned to Italy after eight years of exile in Canada. He will be the crucial test of Italy's determination to bring its subversives, once the most active and destructive in Europe, back into the fold.

Yesterday the Italian Parliament began discussions as to whether an amnesty should be introduced for the Red Brigades and other urban guerrilla groups. Recently Signor Oscar Luigi Scalfaro, a leading Christian Democrat and former Interior Minister, visited two founding members of the Red Brigades, Renato Curcio and Mario Moretti, in their cells. About 200 to 300 Red Brigades sympathizers – some of them in hiding in France – are waiting for a decision.

Piperno was the head of Proletarian Power and of the Autonomy movement which, along with the Red Brigades, tried to infiltrate and then radicalize the factories of northern Italy. When that did not produce a revolution, they started to kneecap editors, industrialists and policemen, and eventually to kidnap and assassinate.

In April, 1979, the leaders of Autonomy were arrested, but Piperno slipped out of the country and took refuge in Paris and later in Canada. He was accused of being one of the instigators of the kidnapping and killing of Aldo Moro, the Italian Prime Minister.

The talk is now of an amnesty for those still in hiding or in exile. Although there are a few sporadic attacks by the successors to the Red Brigades, the authorities seem justified in claiming that the back of Italian subversion has been broken.

Piperno was sentenced to 10 years' jail, but eight years have passed since then. He will now remain in Rome's high-security prison until an appeal hearing is staged, probably in two months. That will coincide with the Moro anniversary and may ensure his freedom. "Times have changed," he said before being driven away from the airport. "I hope the judges will reduce or annul the sentence."

● Request rejected: A court trying three Palestinians over the 1985 Rome airport massacre yesterday rejected a request aimed at investigating the role of Israeli security forces (AP reports from Rome). Judge Filippo Antonioni said the jury ruled that the request was beyond the mandate of the court.

On Friday a lawyer representing survivors seeking civil damages in the case had requested that the court press the Italian Government for details about the use of foreign police forces as part of security at Leonardo da Vinci airport.

Victory hard to achieve for Aquino's candidates

From Humphrey Hawksley, Manila

The first unofficial results in the Philippines' local elections began coming in late last night, with President Aquino's candidates not finding victory as easy as they expected, and in one or two cases trailing behind other candidates.

Nevertheless, Mrs Aquino hailed the holding of the elections, the first for 16 years, as a defeat for left-wing and right-wing extremists.

"The results of today's election prove that once again the Filipino people have demonstrated their faith in the democratic process," she said.

"There were acts of violence (but they were) a substantial reduction from the bloodletting of previous elections. The extreme left and the extreme right appear to have lost their capability to terrorize the electorate."

No clear trend was emerging, particularly as to the success of candidates handpicked by Mrs Aquino, but evidence of voting frauds could lead to a rise in tension. Although polling generally took place peacefully, there were violent incidents reported from several areas.

One of the worst attacks – the shooting dead of Mr Roy Padilla, the pro-administration candidate for governor in the south-eastern province of Camarines Sur – happened only hours before the poll opened.

A campaign worker was shot dead on the central island of Negros when he tried to prevent armed men from stealing ballot boxes, and military officials said that some polling booths were closed because of threats by Communist guerrillas.

The military also reported a threat from the right. Rebel soldiers, loyal to former President Ferdinand Marcos, were said to have made plans to disrupt polling.

In the first indications of election fraud, a number of voters were arrested after they were found to be carrying false identity cards. Candidates were accused of bussing them between polling stations so that they could vote several times. Election officials also said they found some boxes already stuffed with ballot papers when polling began.

But compared to the last free local elections in 1971, voting was brisk and smooth, although officials warned that, once results became known, tension could rise.

An indication of this came from a candidate for the governorship of the far northern province of Cagayan. Colonel Rudi Aguinaldo, who resigned his commission to stand for office, said that, if he lost, it would mean that there had been cheating.

If an official from the Commission of Elections did anything foolish, "he will be the first to leave the Earth. We have 300 firearms right here. At a given signal we will chop off the heads of anybody who is foolish," said Colonel Aguinaldo, who is a staunch supporter of the organizers of the coup last August which nearly toppled the Government.

Personalities such as Colonel Aguinaldo have dominated this election more than issues, and if there has been an issue it is that of the dynastic families which rule many towns and provinces, often by force with their own private armies.

President Aquino has been accused of supporting several of these families in an attempt to retain the mass support which swept her into office two years ago.

Botany Bay fleet conjures up the past

From Keith Dalton
Sydney

Nine sailing ships, rolling in heavy seas and weaving through a 600-strong welcome flotilla of small craft, sailed into Botany Bay yesterday at the end of an eight-month voyage recreating that of the first convict fleet to establish a penal colony in Australia.

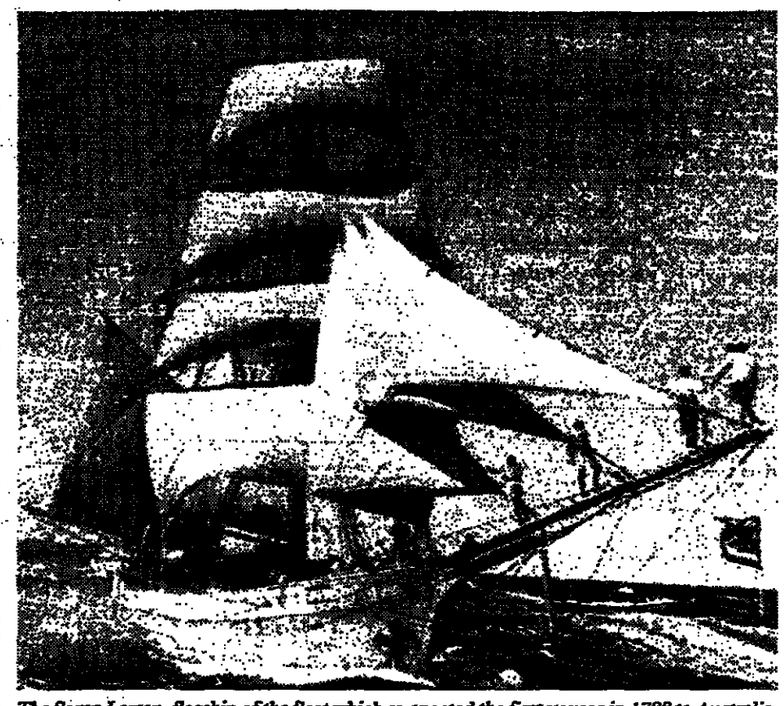
The chants and protest speeches of hundreds of Aboriginal demonstrators were drowned by the cheers of tens of thousands of spectators who gathered on the shore to witness the ships' arrival.

It was at Botany Bay, just south of Sydney, that Captain Arthur Phillip – later to become Australia's pioneering governor – set foot on Australian soil and raised the Union Flag on January 18, 1788.

On that day 200 years ago, native Aborigines brandished spears and shouted "in a menacing tone" from the shore. But they were quickly won over by presents of beads and a mirror and in return showed the landing party a freshwater stream near by.

"This is where the invasion began 200 years ago," an Aboriginal activist, Mr Tiga Bales, told supporters who threw wreaths into the ocean. "We lay wreaths in memory of our people who died 200 years ago. This is where the invasion began and this service is in memory of those people who died and continue to die."

Behind him Aboriginal flags fluttered at half-mast. As



The Soren Larsen, flagship of the fleet which re-enacted the first voyage in 1788 to Australia from England, entering Botany Bay, near Sydney, yesterday after an eight-month voyage.

promised, the protest was non-violent, although some spectators made catcalls at the Aborigines and their white supporters, many dressed in black to mourn what they said were two centuries of oppression and neglect.

"They haven't got the sensitivity to understand the provocative nature of this exercise," said the Aboriginal leader, Mr Gary Foley.

But local authorities, bowing to Aboriginal objections, cancelled plans to recreate the landing of Captain Philip, who stayed only eight days at Botany Bay before moving to Port Jackson, where Sydney's first foundations were laid on January 26. The modern-day adventurers' arrival, greeted by a naval gunfire salute and a fireworks display, symbolized the start of year-long bicentennial celebrations. Ships from seven countries joined the voyage which began from Portsmouth in May.

Pravda solves Gagarin puzzle

From A Correspondent, Moscow

The Soviet Union has finally ended the mystery surrounding the plane crash that killed Yuri Gagarin, the first man in space.

After 20 years of silence *Pravda* yesterday admitted that faulty information from a military control tower and the unexpected slipstream from another jet were to blame for the crash that killed Gagarin and his co-pilot, Vladimir Seryogen, on March 27, 1968.

Pravda said Gagarin's jet was forced into a dive by the "jetwash" from another aircraft whose pilot never saw his plane nor, apparently, knew it was in the area. Gagarin might have lived if he had been given correct information by a military control tower near Moscow.

The article, based on the findings of a government commission and original research, was written by Professor Sergei Belotserkovsky, a noted scientist and engineer. He said sabotage or mechanical faults on Gagarin's aircraft could be ruled out.

Gagarin and Seryogen were coming in to land from 13,000 ft and were between two layers of cloud with no visibility of the horizon. They had been told by the control tower the height of the lower cloud was 2,700 ft when, in fact, it was only 1,800 ft.

As they were making their approach a Mig 21 jet, much larger than Gagarin's Mig 15, passed a few hundred feet in front of Gagarin's plane.

"Gagarin's jet was hit by a jetwash and began to dive. The pilots mistakenly considered that they had a sufficient reserve of height to pull out of the dive.

"They came out of the clouds at 1,800 ft, diving at a 70 to 90-degree angle. They could not parachute. The crew's actions were quite correct but they lacked only two seconds or 275 ft to pull out of the dive," *Pravda* said.

Full information about the circumstances and causes of the crash, during a routine training flight, has never been made public before, leading to speculation that a cover-up had taken place.

The speculation ranged from faulty equipment to rumours that Gagarin might have been drunk during the flight, or even poisoned. One rumour still believed by many Russians is that his plane was sabotaged.

In March, 1987, *Pravda* reported the partial findings of the government commission assigned to investigate the crash, but it left the cause "unexplained". But the publication of yesterday's account in *Pravda*, the Communist Party newspaper, gives it an official air of explanation.

Peking barred for Chiang funeral

From Robert Grieves, Taipei

Taiwan's Government has set January 30 as the date for the state funeral of the late President, Mr Chiang Ching-kuo.

Mr Yu-ming Shaw, the Government's chief spokesman, said the Government's funeral committee, made up of 21 Taiwanese politicians and community leaders, had selected Tou Liao, a country estate in Taoyuan County, as Mr Chiang's "temporary resting place".

Tou Liao is less than two miles from the Tzuhu estate which is the "temporary resting place" of Mr Chiang's father, Chiang Kai-shek.

The Nationalist Government on Taiwan calls the burial sites "temporary" because in theory the bodies will be moved to mainland China once the Nationalists "retake" it. Mr Shaw said Mr Chiang's body would be moved from the Veterans General Hospital in the Taipei suburb of Shihpai to lay in state at the Martyrs' Shrine in Tachih.

Mr Shaw rejected any suggestion that Peking could send an envoy to the funeral. "No matter what they (Peking) say, we stand firm on our policy of no contact, no negotiations and no compromise," he said.

Meanwhile, an internal poll of the 31-members of the policy-making Central Standing Committee of the Kuomintang, or Nationalist Party, shows that they "overwhelmingly" favour the appointment of President Lee Teng-hui as the new chairman of the party.

President Lee is not expected to be appointed party chairman officially until the 13th Nationalist Party congress convenes on July 7.

The party's General-Secretary, Mr Lee Huan, said at the weekend that, despite Mr Chiang's death, efforts to introduce new legislation that would allow the appointment of more native Taiwanese delegates to the 300-member Legislative Yuan, Taiwan's rule-making body, and the 1,200-member National Assembly, the island's parliament, would go ahead.

● **Punishment lifted:** The Interior Ministry said yesterday that the Government would no longer punish Taiwan people who visited China illegally (Reuter reports from Taipei).

Taipei last November eased a 38-year ban on travel to the Chinese mainland, but said only those with relatives there could go.

KING'S CROSS UNDERGROUND FIRE INVESTIGATION

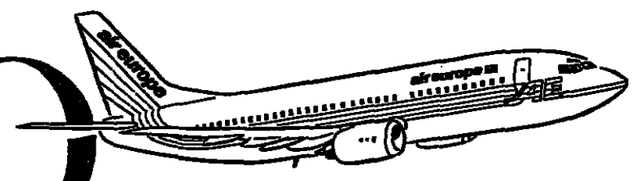
The formal Investigation into the King's Cross Underground Fire will be held before Mr. Desmond Fennell OBE QC and will begin on Monday, 1 February 1988 at 10:30 a.m. in Westminster Central Hall, Storey's Gate, London SW1H 9NU.

A second one day preliminary meeting devoted to technical matters concerning the King's Cross Underground Fire, will be held before Mr. Desmond Fennell OBE QC, at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, 25 January 1988 in Church House, Great Smith Street, London SW1.

Both meetings will be open to the public. Any enquiries should be made to Mr. Fennell's office on 01-212 6078/6056/6066.

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All the President's secrets



In 1942 the Germans waged a brutal campaign against the Yugoslav partisans. Kurt Waldheim (left) was there – but, asks Tom Bower, what did he do and why was he decorated? He says he was just an interpreter. His accusers say he played an intelligence gathering role

Picture from the Imperial War Museum archives



Waiting for execution: Hitler ordered that 'bandits captured in battle' were to be interrogated and then shot, according to the official war diary of Army Group E in the Balkans

For most people mass deportations and concentration camps which have dominated the image of the Third Reich were associated with the German destruction of European Jewry. Over the past 40 years the courts have punished anyone proved to be directly involved in the machine which rounded up and transported Jews to the extermination camps.

Invariably, though, those who sat behind desks, pulling the strings, have been excused prosecution on the grounds that there was no proof of "command ability".

Kurt Waldheim, President of Austria, stands accused of being in the chain of command which directed the deportation of Greek Jews to Auschwitz and Italian soldiers to slave labour in Germany. Waldheim denies those charges and blames the SS.

Wehrmacht officers successfully convinced Allied investigators in 1945 that not only were all the Nazis' crimes committed by the SS but that the army had steadfastly refused as a point of honour to co-operate with the mass murders. Those defences are now known to be resoundingly untrue. Waldheim now acknowledges that he was near Salonika and aware of the round-up and deportations from Greece.

In a secret report dated September 22 1943, initialled by Waldheim, he records a briefing for the forcible transportation of thousands of Italian soldiers from Greece to German labour camps following Italy's surrender to the Allies. Waldheim was clearly involved with the operation. Yet in a letter to Robert Rhodes-James, the Cambridge MP, he described his role as "routing of information for the repatriation of Italian troops in Greece to their homeland and thereby to liberty".

Earlier, between July 19 and August 21, 1943, Kurt Waldheim kept the "war diary" for Army Group E in the Balkans. His name appears on the diary's cover. Among the entries on August 7 is the transmission to the 1st Jaeger Division of Hitler's order that "bandits captured in battle are to be shot". Bandit suspects were to be arrested and deported for forced labour.

Like most of the Axis armies in the Balkans, the Jaeger Division was involved in hazardous anti-partisan warfare in the rugged terrain of the Yugoslav mountains. Frustrated, the Jaeger Division replied to the Ic/AO (intelligence/counter-intelligence) office in Arsakli where Waldheim was serving, that there was "hope of success only if all male citizens are seized and deported". The division was granted permission to organize this extraordinary mass round-up. As with many similar requests, the messages went through the small Ic/AO office and some of Waldheim's messages have survived.

An incriminating "W" has been found on several documents sent to army groups, advising them of suspected partisan groups and hideouts. Such messages led to a single result: villagers would be massacred, often after torture and rape, and their houses set alight. On the completion of one such incident, code-named "Operation Viper", on August 15 1944, Waldheim recorded: "Further cleansing with destruction of all villages without important contact with the enemy".

This description of "cleansing" and "mopping-up operations" or "counter-measures" is the familiar vocabulary of the Nazis' mass terror, and would explain why, even if these words were not Waldheim's, he pretended for 40 years that he had not left Vienna after 1941, and why he made no mention in the "White Book" (the document published last year by the Austrian government to rebut allegations and explain Waldheim's Balkan service) of these signed reports. On April 4 1986, Waldheim claimed ignorance of war crimes in the Balkans. Three days later, he said: "Yes, I knew. I was horrified. But what could I do? I either had to continue to serve or be executed".

Waldheim emphatically denies suggestions that he was an important intelligence officer. Yet other documents show that in the absence of his superior he delivered a number of briefings to General Erich Schmidt-Richberg, the chief of the General Staff of Army Group E's High Command. Only three documents have survived and they show Waldheim in 1944 involved in briefing the general on the use of hostages "to ensure the security of rail transport", the fate of slave labour and the effects of the assassination attempt upon Hitler.

Two other documents, however, contribute further to undermining Waldheim's denial of the importance of his note. Soon after the initial exposure of his war record in 1986, it was alleged – at first denied by Waldheim, but then admitted – that he had been present in March 1942 at Operation Kozara, a huge undertaking intended to clear the Sarajevo-Dubrovnik-Pljevlja triangle of partisans. The orders included instructions for mass reprisals at the rate of 100 executions for each German killed and mass deportations to concentration camps of the "sub-humans".

The initial evidence of Waldheim's presence was his name listed as receiving the King Zvonimir Medal in silver with oak leaves for "courageous conduct in combat" during Operation Kozara. At first, Waldheim insisted that the medals were "handed out like confetti" to non-combatants like himself. Then it was revealed that only three officers out of 20,000 involved in the operation had received the award, and that Waldheim was a member of the Command Staff.

Waldheim first insisted that he was merely an interpreter, then denied he was even present – "I was confused about the geography of the area," he said in one interview – and finally augmented the gravity of his contradictions by insisting that after the operation he became a simple "supply officer". Research in this unit's surviving files by the US Department of Justice now suggests that some supply officers, but not Waldheim, arranged the liquidation and transportation of 68,000 Serbian civilians to concentration camps. Waldheim will be given the opportunity to explain his duties when he appears, either later this month or early next, before the commission of six historians set up by the Austrian government to investigate his wartime activities.

He is, however, on firmer ground in answering the charges that his own intelligence reports in 1944 regarding partisan activity prompted "cleansing operations" around Iraklion in Crete and along the Stip-Kocane road in Macedonia. Waldheim claims that his only function was to compile the daily "enemy situation" report. His detractors claim that by discriminating between the reports and emphasizing those which were important, he bears responsibility for the massacres which followed.

In his defence, Waldheim cites the German officer responsible for the massacre at Stip-Kocane, Captain Karl-Heinz Egberts-Hilker, who said in his final plea to a Belgrade court in 1947 that he was singly responsible for the deed.

Changing the story

The most emotionally charged accusation levelled against Waldheim concerns his participation in the fate of Greece's Jews. Soon after Waldheim's initial exposure in the spring of 1986, he said in an interview that he was "not aware" of any deportations of Jews from Greece to Auschwitz, and that he had never "served in army units linked with . . . deportations of Greek Jews". But in a document dated September 22 1944, originating from the Ic/AO office in Arsakli, there is specific reference to "deportation of Jews".

Waldheim first insisted that he was in Vienna for his marriage at that time, but another document with his initial dated September 7 proves that he had returned. He only left on October 14. Waldheim's knowledge of this is clear from the exchange of messages between the Ic/AO office in Arsakli and Wehrmacht commanders on the islands of Rhodes, Crete and Corfu, concerning the arrest and transportation of Jews to Auschwitz.

While still denying any such involvement, he has reversed his earlier claims that he did not know about the deportation of 42,000 Jews from Salonika, one fifth of the city's population, between mid-March and mid-May 1943. The small SS group specially sent to Salonika to organize the daily transports was aided by General Alexander Löhr's staff. (Löhr was hanged as a war criminal in 1947).

Some 42,000 Jews were transported from Salonika: what did Waldheim know?

At first Waldheim said he knew nothing about the deportations, which occurred just three miles from his headquarters. Then he told the US Department of Justice that he was absent from Greece until April 1943, but later changed his mind and wrote that he only returned to Arsakli in July 1943. However, he had unwittingly contradicted those versions in a letter to his American publisher, stating his return as March 1943.

Yet in the "White Book", Waldheim wrote that until April he was in Vienna and was then posted to Tirana, Albania. The confusion, initiated by Waldheim querying in an interview whether Jews had actually been deported from Greece, is a classic line of defence used by those suspected of involvement. First, they make an absolute denial and then, as the evidence unravels, they present a chronology which places themselves far away.

It now depends upon how the commission of historians interprets these contradictions, and what conclusions are drawn. But that alone will not satisfy those who seek to condemn Waldheim. Government officials in Vienna are hinting that the commission has failed to discover "a smoking gun" which would distinguish Waldheim from thousands of other "innocent" cogs in the Nazi murder machine.

As Michael Graff, the general secretary of Austria's leading People's Party, eloquently if indelicately said: "So long as no one can prove that Waldheim, with his own hands, strangled six Jews, there's no problem". In crude terms, the distinction is between the officer who herded the Jews on to the trains for Auschwitz and the officer at headquarters who plotted their destiny.

The possible difference is that the man with the overview is more culpable. Hitherto Waldheim's defence, which his countrymen have accepted, is that he was merely a hapless pawn performing his duty and that "there was no intent to conceal". Few non-Austrians have properly understood that Austria's participation in the subjugation of the Balkans was, for Waldheim's fellow countrymen, a popular Holy War blessed by the Vatican. In June the Pope is due to visit Austria. Waldheim's intention to receive the Pontiff hangs on a group of historians.

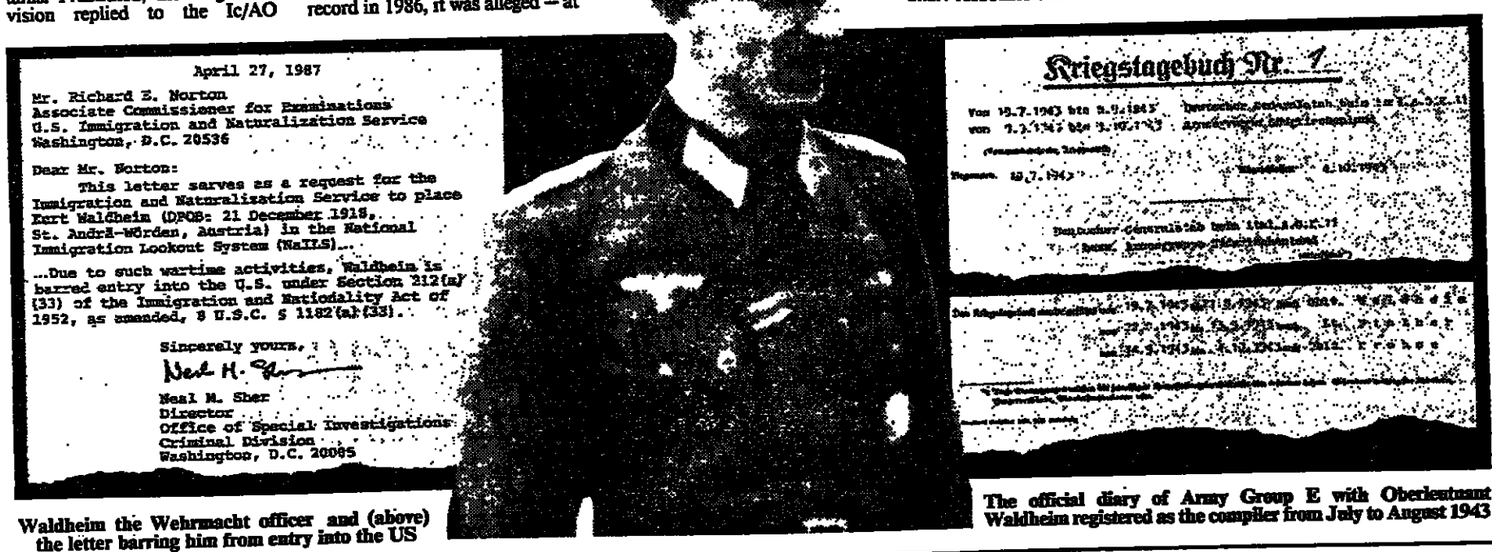
But before that visit, Waldheim's critics will follow with keen interest his stewardship on March 13 of the remembrance ceremonies commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Anschluss. Waldheim will be centre-stage for an occasion of rich and unprecedented irony.

Since 1945, Austrian politicians have successfully skirted around the newsreel images of their jubilant countrymen greeting Adolf Hitler as he returned in triumph to his homeland. Although after 1945 Austria's power brokers were never subjected to proper deNazification and accordingly retained most of their ill-gotten gains, the nation's political leaders have been hitherto relatively untainted by accusations of Nazism. Waldheim has destroyed that cosy camouflage.

For his own survival, he has adamantly insisted that he, on the anniversary, will champion the cause of Austria's supposed valiant resistance to Nazism. It is conceivable that during the short time which will elapse between the publication of the commission's report and those ceremonies, his attempts to prove his non-involvement will offend too many of his countrymen and provoke a crisis, causing his resignation.

His stubborn nature and his statements that, contrary to his original pledge, he will not be bound by the commission's findings suggest he harbours the hope that by gradually admitting certain knowledge he will deflect the commission's findings.

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Mr. Richard E. Norton
Associate Commissioner for Examinations
U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service
Washington, D.C. 20536

Dear Mr. Norton:

This letter serves as a request for the Immigration and Naturalization Service to place Kurt Waldheim (DPOB: 21 December 1918, St. Andrä-Wörden, Austria) in the National Immigration Lookout System (NAILS)...

...Due to such wartime activities, Waldheim is barred entry into the U.S. under Section 212(a)(33) of the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952, as amended, 8 U.S.C. § 1182(a)(33).

Sincerely yours,

Neal H. Sher

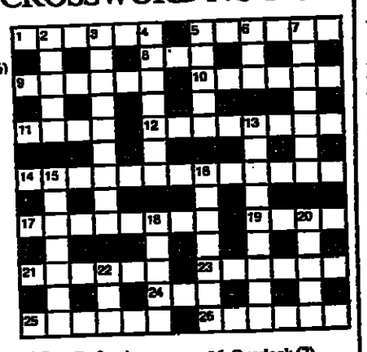
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Waldheim the Wehrmacht officer and (above) the letter barring him from entry into the US

The official diary of Army Group E with Oberleutnant Waldheim registered as the compiler from July to August 1943

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Three teachers have come up with a home aid for parents and children who are baffled by the mysteries of the 'new' maths

Help you can count on

Help is at hand for children who can't cope with "new" maths, and parents who want to help them. Never again will there be an excuse for a helpless reaction when a confused mite comes home with the question: "Mummy, can you help me with my co-efficients and vectors?"

Nearly every diligent family has some kind of reference book in the house to help with every school subject – except maths. Worse still, parents feel it is the single subject which has changed the most since they left school themselves.

Even parents young enough to have spent years at school struggling with vectors, Venn diagrams (no one ever explained to me what *they* were for) and acres of graphs, almost certainly consigned it all to oblivion the minute the O level certificate dropped on to the doormat.

Now three teachers have come up with the answer – a complete home reference system for mathematics. They have completed six of a planned series of nine books and tapes guiding the pupil, and the parent, through the jungle in a course which is designed to match the secondary syllabus leading to GCSE.

Laurie and Pam Buxton and Basil Norbury are maths teachers and have spent four years developing *The Sound Way of Learning Mathematics*. Its price of £49.99 for six books accompanied by 12 audio cassettes appears expensive, but it is worth remembering that it is a step-by-step guide through six years of secondary school mathematics from ages 11-16, carefully matched to the new GCSE syllabus.

The idea is that parents can buy the first instalment when their child begins secondary school and starts to ask difficult questions. Together with the parents, the child can go over ground covered in the classroom, using the audio cassettes for support and guidance. If the system works, the family can build up the full set over the years – each part bought on its own currently costs £9.99.

Norbury believes that the great advantage of the course is that it gives children a chance to practise skills at home without fear of falling behind in class. So a child who is confused when he meets a new concept at school can turn to his home reference book for explanations. At the same time, children who don't have so much difficulty at school can improve their grasp of the subject with the exercises in the Buxton/Norbury text.

For example, in Part 4 there are four lessons on graphs and six on geometry. The first lesson explains "everyday graphs", with examples of bar charts, temperature graphs, conversion graphs up to more sophisticated time/distance graphs.

A series of exercises builds up confidence and understanding until, by the fourth lesson, the child is dealing with "Construct a table for the straight line $y = 5x + 2$ for values of x from -3 to +3. Draw the graph using a scale of 1 unit to 2cm on the x-axis and 10 units to 2cm on the y-axis. State the gradient of the line".

Norbury says: "This is the key to progress in maths for many children – the chance to practise and talk about the subject – perhaps even develop a deeper interest in it, with the family at home."

The course is not intended to be a substitute for a teacher. But it will be interesting to hear the opinions of teachers whose pupils use it to support their classwork. The course does not have to be followed completely – it can be used merely as a reference book or revision aid, thanks to a comprehensive index in each section.

The audio cassettes provide a commentary, sometimes enriching the text and sometimes "talking through".

But Norbury, who has been writing audio mathematics programmes for eight years, suspects that the course will be used as much by parents as by children. For the first time, they will be able to learn or relearn the "new" maths alongside their child, and have a knowledge of the subject when they are discussing progress with the teachers.

Sarah Thompson

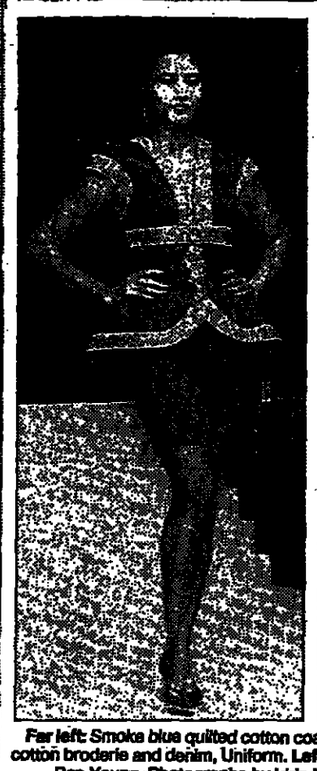
The Sound Way of Learning Mathematics, by Laurie Buxton, Pamela Buxton and Basil Norbury. Sound Educational Audio Learning, the Swan Centre, Fishers Lane, London, W4 1RX. Full course £49.99 (six parts).

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HONG KONG FASHION by Liz Smith











Far left: *Smoke blue quilted cotton coat, padded trousers, Kwong Wai Tai Sportswear. Photograph by Jimmie Wing.* **Above centre:** *Chinese schoolgirl style in white cotton broderie and denim, Uniform.* **Left centre:** *Pannier top edged in embroidery with pencil skirt, Ben Yeung.* **Right centre:** *Ruched dress with asymmetric frilled skirt, Ben Yeung. Photographs by Idris Mootee.* **Far right:** *Leather and sheepskin coats with generous caped collars, Ragence Lam. Photograph by Oliver Tsang*

Where the East meets the best

It is not just the harbour view from the bar of the Regent Hotel that draws the world's leading store buyers to Hong Kong. It is not even the tradition of skilled Chinese craftsmanship. Hong Kong's status as a compulsory stop on any fashion professional's itinerary is built solely on the industry of its work-force, and the refusal of its thrusting businessmen to admit that anything demanded of them is impossible.

Yes, 200 silk-satin Charmeuse shirts *can* be made with precisely the lapel and generous wrapover preferred by Calvin Klein; the order for 2,000 cabled cotton sweaters for Marks & Spencer *will* be delivered on time.

To any fashion designer, the concrete factory blocks of Kwun Tong in Kowloon hold an irresistible lure. The most advanced computerized machinery hums 24 hours a day, seven days a week, spewing out intricate, intarsia knitting. Superior sewing and finishing skills are on tap. Embroiderers, beaders, fur and leather workers all give virtuoso performances.

For some of Hong Kong's home-grown designers, however, all this fashion expertise was almost their *undoing* when they paraded last week.

Still famous for its industrious work-force, Hong Kong can now boast of a growing talent for design, too

The beading, the appliqué fur patches, the embroidery and then a ruffle of lace and then *another* — all on the one garment.

The gala show that launched Hong Kong Fashion Week's trade exhibition which was opened by the Governor, Sir David Wilson, was a slick and polished affair worthy of any fashion capital. HK$3.5 million (£2.5 million) of the *total budget of HK$8.6 million* for the fashion week was invested in the show, so it may be churlish to pick on a few idiosyncracies in taste, when all around in Kowloon, and at the exhibition organized by the HK Trade Development Council, there is evidence that manufacturers have successfully moved up market into quality production runs.

In spite of quota restrictions imposed by the United States and some other countries, and *the protectionism deplored by* the Governor in his opening speech, clothing exports continued to grow (by 29 per cent last year to £3,832 million); the 9,673 clothing factories account for 33.7 per cent of Hong Kong's exports and employ a workforce of more than 300,000.

The *only things* that local designers appear to lack are a clear idea of their customer and a focus on what today's busy woman really wants to wear. Hong Kong's society leaders in their glossy houses on The Peak will not be prised easily *out of their European* designer labels.

Ragence Lam and Rene Ozorio may dress some of the smart set at the Sha Tin and Happy Valley racecourses, and Eddie Lau may run up extravagant one-offs for local pop stars; but it is significant that Lydia Dunn, who as chairman of the HKTDC and a senior member of the Legislative Council plays a central role in Hong Kong political life, wore a Valentino dress to her own fashion gala. "We *must* position our fashion industry alongside the European and American designers," she says. "We must aim at the top. Then our designers will quickly develop a growing awareness of originality and *design.*"

Ben Yeung (the only HK designer to show in London) and Rene Ozorio both cleverly interpret prevailing fashion *trends and make snappy,* short, dressed-up clothes. Ragence Lam (RCA trained and chairman of the HK designers association) displayed his talents best in a group of generously collared sheepskin and leather coats.

But even Lam still seems under the spell of the unstructured style of the Japanese, which, when overlaid with the Chinese taste for *fussy decoration, is not likely* to have international appeal. The success of the brother and sister partnership behind the Lim Ying Ying label proved that, targeted correctly, Hong Kong style is a winner. George and Colleen Koh set up in *production in 1979, and their* label is now internationally known for crystal-beaded satin bustiers, lingerie and silk blouses with delicate faggotting detail.

American designers Fernando Sanchez and Oscar de la Renta make the trip to Hunghom to work with the Kohs. Henry Yen, of the Top Knitters manufacturing empire, has to open a new factory every 18 months to keep pace with orders from the world's *top designers and store chains.*

Coming off the production lines in Kwun Tong are Ralph Lauren's top Collections line, Valentino, Ungaro and Krizia knitwear, as well as the more modestly priced ranges of the J C Penney chain, The Gap, and Marks & Spencer.

The largest exporters of cashmere from Hong Kong, last year Top Knitters dispatched 400,000 cashmere sweaters to the US alone.

The "made in Hong Kong" label means quality, but the individual designer has yet to *make his or her name,* although Hannah Pang of Leather Concept, Jenny Lewis who specializes in Chinese style and Diane Freis with her ruffled print dresses are among the few already well known internationally.

Ragence Lam sees the route clearly: "We must be accepted alongside Paris and London designers. We will push hard to keep the standards up and prove we can do it."

Appropriately, it was the Young Designers' show at the end of the week that reassured us that the Hong Kong fashion industry can look forward to a bright future. Students, and some recent graduates, from the Swire School of Fashion at Hong Kong Polytechnic scooped up all the prizes. Young Designer of the Year is *Michael Kwok, who re-*invented the classic Chinese padded silk jacket in umpteen modern variations, incorporating knitting in sleeves and backs. Richard Li produced a winning line in neoprene, the wetsuit fabric, *which was welded rather than* stitched into strongly-shaped fitted jackets and full-skirted dresses. Andrew Yau King-Yuam's Audrey Hepburn shapes in acid lime and navy had Roberta Wagner, Bloomingdales' buyer, cancelling *flights to place her order on* them the next day.

Dunn believes that Hong Kong's strength is its ability to respond to trends. "The entrepreneurs must spot the opportunity themselves. It's the government's job to provide the framework of efficient ports facilities and communications with a minimum of bureaucracy," she says.

A modest pioneer

In any conversation about Hong Kong fashion Margaret Tancock's name crops up. A young designer, Sara Sturgeon, *is launched in London* with a made-in-Hong Kong label. Her backer is Margaret Tancock. Three entrants in last week's *Young Designer* Awards, graduates of Hong Kong's Swire School of Fashion, are sponsored by her M Group of 25 fashion shops. Ragence Lam, chairman of the Hong Kong designers association, and an earlier winner of *the award,* was *brought* back to Hong Kong in 1977 with Tancock's backing

The M Group caters for every age: Birds (for the young); Circles (for career women); Sports Connection (for men and women); the Children's Clothing Company. Tancock makes Cacharel's children's collection under licence and runs eight Body Shops in Hong Kong. Talented young designers are whisked from British art colleges and installed in Kowloon.

There were no fashion shops in Hong Kong when Tancock *arrived in* 1964. "*In those days* you either took a piece of cloth and a sketch to a tailor to have made up, or rummaged through a few dismal department stores," she recalls.

All the clothes in her shops are made in Hong Kong. Could an entire industry have started from such little things? Tancock may not take credit for sparking Hong Kong's fashion boom, but she pioneered a path other retailers across the world have followed.



New arrival: suits from Sara Sturgeon's "Men" label

PEOPLE

Making dresses with sex appeal

Diane Freis was cross. Richard Bradley, her husband and business partner, had shown me the video of the previous night's rehearsal of her show. It would spoil the surprise. "The short skirts are so new," she fussed. "The fabrics are quite different. It's more sophisticated, more of a fantasy."

Cottons, paillettes on silky viscose, flecked taffetas from France and pure silks from Italy had certainly joined the flurry of polyester georgette for which Freis is famous. And although more graphic checks, stripes and spots now cut the sugariness of her prints, most of the Freis fabric range is still smothered in the riot of pattern that is her trademark.

Freis has one advantage over other Hong Kong designers: she *is* her own customer. This rangy Californian with the wide blue eyes and lacquered nails divides her time between her Kowloon factory, her luxurious *Harbour City flat* and her new house in Beverly Hills, where she recently set up her US headquarters. She understands the self-assurance a woman acquires when she can pull one of her non-crushable frocks out of a bag *after a long flight,* snap on a few more pearls, and feel set to tackle the day. She is rarely sidetracked by fashion trends (those short hemlines were introduced under pressure from her American customers, she says).

Her company, launched in Hong Kong in 1977 with a $2,000 loan from her mother and a few bolts of polyester bought in Stanley Market, now has a turnover of $30 million (£16.5 million). Diane Freis must be the best-known Hong Kong label across the world. She has eight Hong Kong shops, three outlets in Sydney and another five in the US. Her dresses sell especially well in Florida, *California* and the Caribbean, where their colourful, drip-dry, easy-fitting qualities come into their own.



Diane Freis: something for everyone

They sell well here, too. Introduced by Dale Tryon in her Kanga shop in Beauchamp Place, Knightsbridge (Lady Tryon now produces her own Kanga designs in Hong Kong), the Diane Freis collection can be found in Harrods, Simpsons, Selfridges, Dickins & Jones and the John Lewis stores from about £250.

Both the Princess of Wales and Princess Margaret enjoy wearing Diane Freis dresses, so you can appreciate the versatility of her style. "I dress women to look glorious," Freis says. "My dresses are soft and tactile. They have sex appeal. A lot of psychology and emotion goes into the design. We all want to be able to put on that perfect dress and feel beautiful."

Each dress is almost unique. Only 10 exist in any one design and mix of prints. But one *Diane Freis dress still looks pretty much like* another. Don't women mind turning up to a party where eight out of the 20 fellow guests are similarly done up in frills and fluttering prints? "I ask them that myself," she says. "It's odd. They say they *don't mind.* They each feel they look different. I don't know how I get away with it."

The sight of Selina Scott in a Suzie *Wong side-slit cheongsam is a treat in* store for BBC2 viewers next week, when *The Clothes Show* visits Hong Kong. Needless to say, the boatman in the coolie hat taking Selina around Hong Kong island in a sampan turns out to be her co-presenter, the designer Jeff Banks.

He travels to Hong Kong regularly; normally, his long days in Kowloon are spent overseeing the production of top-quality T-shirting, expertly finished separates and Tinney and Fowler's exclusive prints on cottons which sell in his Warehouse shops. *On this visit he took the BBC's* cameras into the cavernous factory of Fang Brothers, top knitwear manufacturers, and explored the alternative fashion show in the streets around Nathan Road.

Expanding the programme's policy of stripping fashion of its mystique and making it simply "clothes for everyone to enjoy", *The Clothes Show* will be holding a fashion show in December at the Olympia exhibition centre *in London,* which will be open to everyone.

But first there is *The Clothes Show* magazine, scheduled for March, planned as a glossy and packed with clothes and beauty tips. "There is no attempt at the cookery pages or fiction that other fashion magazines feel obliged to provide," Banks says. When the magazine's impact has been assessed, it is hoped that it will appear monthly, from the autumn.

The Clothes Show* in Hong Kong, *BBC2, Tuesday, January 26 at 2.30pm and Wednesday, January 27, at 7.30pm.

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How times change

If the only truly consistent people are the dead, then the Alliance is alive and kicking. Today Robert Maclennan will present, as his second attempt at a policy agreeable to both Liberals and Social Democrats, a document based on the Alliance's election manifesto, *Britain United. The Time Has Come.* Let us not then allow Maclennan to forget what he said about its contents when he addressed the SDP Assembly in September: "It will not do to dust down *The Time Has Come* and represent it as a new credo for a new party. . . its priorities were obscure and its focus blurred." David Steel's commitment last week to means-testing child benefit is equally mystifying. Only a month ago he voted in the Commons to support Sir Brandon Rhys Williams, a backbench Tory, in his wish to introduce a Bill not merely to retain the universal benefit but index-link it.

Orange orders

Ian Paisley's Free Presbyterians have been accused of using *agents provocateurs* to discredit the liberalization of Northern Ireland's licensing laws. Gordon Harvey, chairman of the province's licensed victuallers federation, claims that the chaos that accompanied the introduction of Sunday opening in October was organized by members of Paisley's teetotal sect. A popular tactic was to ask for a six-pack in the hope of catching out barmen unaware that off-sales were still prohibited and then report the sale to the police. As secret agents, however, the teetotallers were less than convincing, invariably appearing incongruously dressed in Sunday best and painfully unfamiliar with pub protocol. One agent, having ordered a six-pack and a pint, lost his nerve and – pausing only to overturn his glass – rushed out of the bar minus his trophy.

● **You've heard of the drink; now smoke the cigarette. The American Tobacco Company has launched a new menthol brand named after the Californian town of Malibu – infuriating local residents. In their West Coast faddish way, some of the 26,000 population, including *Dallas* actor, anti-smoker and honorary mayor Larry Hagman, have mounted a campaign against the company for playing on their clean-living outdoor image. I wonder what the *townsfolk of Cortina* felt like.**

Moonshine

The balloon of international optimism inflated by the Reagan-Gorbachov summit is about to be pricked by 24 military experts being put up in London this week by the Rev Sun Myung Moon. After concentrating for some years on the vagaries of South-east Asia, the International Security Council – a Moon-funded think tank of hawkish soldiers, civil servants and scholars – is turning its attention to the INF treaty. Richard Perle, *Reagan's former assistant defence* secretary, and Joseph Luns, Lord Carrington's predecessor as Nato secretary-general, are among those now at the Hyde Park Hotel. Joseph Churba, the ISC's American president, says it is "a toss-up" whether his experts will endorse the treaty when they announce the results of their deliberations tomorrow. As for Moon's supposed *wish to liberate Moscow by the* year 2000, Churba says: "I wish him luck."

BARRY FANTONI



'I expect it's only valid on alternate Sundays in May between Euston and Crewe'

Big build-up

Mrs Thatcher's house-builder, Barratts, scored *an own goal* in North Yorkshire last week by *erecting a publicity billboard on a* coveted site only hours after the *local council had* refused to let it build there. Barratts had planned a large housing development on the five-acre site near Catterick garrison and offered Richmondshire District Council 10 old people's bungalows, £12,500 in cash and a car park as an incentive. A spokesman for Barratts said: "It was a genuine mistake. There was no intention of scoring points or pressuring anybody. We are trying to get somebody to take the sign down as soon as possible." But councillor John Church said: "Barratts jumped the gun by several weeks. Even if the housing committee had approved the scheme it would have had to be ratified by the full council at a later date. It's a bit odd to say the least."

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Good-times spur for Lawson

by Rodney Lord
—Economics Editor—

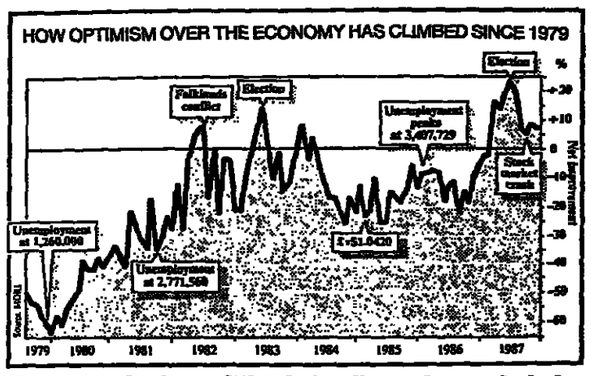
As the Chancellor, Nigel Lawson, begins intensive preparations for the Budget he can reflect with some satisfaction that optimism about the British economy is now *at a higher level than it has* been before any of the nine previous Budgets of this government.

Every month since the middle of 1979, give or take a few, MORI's opinion pollsters have asked the question: "Do you think that the general economic condition of the country will improve, stay the same or get worse over the next 12 months?" Until last spring the man in the street had generally been more gloomy than excited about the economic outlook. But this time there is a clear margin of *optimists over pessimists.*

Remarkably, this faith in better *times around the corner appears* to have withstood the stock market crash which began on October 19. The balance of optimism over pessimism was virtually unchanged in November and December compared with the previous three months. There was a noticeable cooling of enthusiasm in August after the heady optimism of the immediate post-*election period – and if market* traders had fed MORI's data into their computers along with their other indicators there might now be fewer long faces in Throgmorton Street. But despite this, confidence is still relatively high.

This rise in optimism about the future of the economy has a long *history which stretches back,* interrupted from time to time by periods of *doubt, as far as 1979.* When MORI began asking the question just after Mrs Thatcher became prime minister the percentage of the population who thought the economy was going to improve over the next twelve *months was in the low teens.* Two thirds thought things were going to get worse, leaving an adverse balance of more than half.

In the first six months of 1980, as the less efficient firms closed and unemployment worsened, confidence fell further. The low point was in January when 74 per *cent expected the economy to get* worse and only 10 per cent saw an improvement. There was some recovery in the second half of 1980 *and in 1981 but optimism* remained at a low ebb and it was not until 1982 *that, inspired partly by* signs of a slowdown in the rise in unemployment and by a Falklands-induced virility, optimists in some months began to outnumber pessimists. The more confident trend continued into 1983, *helping Mrs Thatcher to win* her second term.



Every month since 1979 Mori pollsters have asked the question: "Do you think the general economic condition of the country will improve over the next 12 months?"

The mood changed again, however, *when the brighter turn in* unemployment proved a false dawn and pessimism returned for much of the next three years. Periodic pressure on the pound deepened the gloom, most notably in January 1985 and the autumn of 1986, while the collapse of oil prices and the growing strains in the world economy as a whole, reflected in the gyrations of the dollar, increasingly cast doubt on Britain's own prospects. It was only after last year's Budget that confidence began to flow strongly again. The combination of tax *cuts, lower interest rates and a* strong pound swung the mood decisively towards optimism, where it has stayed ever since.

This revival of confidence provides a much more favourable background against which to take up the challenge of tax reform than the cautious mood of previous years. Entrepreneurs are more likely to take full advantage of the increased opportunities which a reformed tax system may provide for them if the general level of confidence is high. The supply side of the economy will be better able to meet buoyant demand without the economy overheating. And revenue lost through cuts in the rate of tax is more likely to be replaced through increased activity.

Some, however, are less cheerful than others. In the last three months, for instance, northerners (0 per cent) have been substantially less optimistic than southerners (+13 per cent), the unemployed (-13 per cent) are gloomier than full-time workers (+15 per cent), DE social groups (-11 per cent) see things differently from AB (+35 per cent) and, less predictably, women (0 per cent) are more cautious than *men* (+16 per cent), and have consistently been so.

Some groups evidently do not see themselves as having participated in the Thatcherite revolution. The Budget will need to try to continue broadening prosperity throughout the economy, which probably implies a continuing push for greater flexibility in patterns of employment both geographically and in terms of pay.

The general improvement in confidence does, however, give the Chancellor the invaluable asset of greater political authority. The link between economic conditions and the way people vote has proved statistically elusive, but the polling information for the June 1987 election suggests that if ever an election was won on economic issues, that was it.

Because elections are won or lost on the way the floater votes, the *most revealing indicator* is probably the *change* in voting intentions rather than the overall level. Calculations by MORI's Bob Worcester show that in the first five months of last year, changes in the balance of economic optimism when compared with changes in voting intention explained nearly 90 per cent of the electorate's varying mood. If the two series are compared back to August 1986, when Britain's economic prospects were seen as much worse than they were by the beginning of 1987, the correlation is much the same.

The contrast with the 1983 election is striking. In the first four months of that year changes in *economic optimism explained* little more than half the change in voting intentions. Although the economic climate was a significant influence it was clearly much less important than it was four years later.

Nothing will magically reconcile those on the losing end of any tax reforms. Any Budget changes will need to be made in the context of a carefully balanced package. But *doubts* about the direction of change are more likely to be stifled in an atmosphere of rising economic confidence

Emergency: operate now

The Government has never been more on the defensive over its handling of the National Health Service. The time bought by its injection of an extra £100 million *funding before Christmas has* already run out, and it joins debate with Labour in the Commons today in a bad state of jitters.

What is worrying Conservative MPs *most is the sign that the* higher reaches of the Government can agree neither about what needs to be done, nor when it should be done, nor even how best the attack might meanwhile be diverted.

With the climbdowns on nurses' pay and meal allowances in the blood transfusion service, the atmosphere has become one of controlled hysteria, the Opposition playing the game of looking for a tragedy to blame on the *Prime Minister and the medical* special interests swelling the chorus of discontent, giving it a punch it would never have achieved if the politicians alone were voicing the complaints. The pink, well-scrubbed faces of phy*sicians smiling softly can never be* wrong.

Part of the reason for the criticism now bring heaped on John Moore, the Social Services Secretary, is that many Tories are deeply uneasy about the Prime Minister's performance on this issue but do not dare pin the blame in that quarter. Moore, at a pinch, is expendable. She is not.

One minute Downing Street is lashing back at the consultants and their restrictive practices or hitting at a few striking nurses. Another day ministers are full of *soft concern about the caring* professions and how they are seeking to get them a better deal.

Everybody has been led to believe that some form of inquiry *into health service funding is* coming, but precisely what form it *will take remains unclear.* Random thoughts about the future shape of what Moore likes to refer to as the "mixed economy of care" issue from the Downing Street policy unit, from the DHSS and from think tanks dear to the Prime Minister's heart like the Centre for Policy Studies and the Adam Smith Institute. But no one seems to be drawing the strands together. *No one has a clue if we will get a* Royal Commission, the public *inquiry which Labour would like,* or a secret Cabinet working party.



NHS in crisis: Robin Oakley, Political Editor, begins a series on the biggest challenge confronting the Government

The signs are that there is a difference of approach between Moore and the Prime Minister. He *is now a politician with a reput*ation to restore in a hurry before *her autumn reshuffle. She is a* Prime Minister with more than *half* an eye on the world scene, who had intended this parliament to be focused on education, housing and the inner cities.

Health funding is anyway a problem which finds Mrs Thatcher in the uncharacteristic situation of being in two minds. One thirsts for radical solutions along the *lines adumbrated by Moore;* the other recalls the "safe in our hands" pledge.

As a result, while health ministers from time to time discuss in a theoretical way what alternative funds might be raised by such stratagems as hotel charges for the food and accommodation (not the medical care) of those in hospital beds, or charges for visits to GPs, *Mrs Thatcher has already nar*rowed the options by ruling them *out for the lifetime of this* parliament.

What she would like is a long-running debate led by the think tanks which will enable her to come in later with a bold new policy which could then still *appear to be a reasonable com*promise between the nostrums advocated. Moore, a tidy-minded fellow, needs something much sharper and quicker.

He relishes the fact that the sheer ferocity of the Labour attack has telescoped the necessary public debate which must precede any *Government action from three* years to three months. But the *whole process has become too fast* even for Moore's purposes.

It is now a political necessity that he has something new to say in today's debate. But at the weekend, according to his friends, he was planning no more than a robust attack on Labour's inadequacies when in office. He takes the attitude that he will not move before he is ready. But sometimes in politics you have to adjust your play to the changing pace of the *game.*

A further element is the rising expectation of how much cash the Chancellor is likely to have to "give away" in his March 15 Budget. There is already much Tory grumbling about the imposition of charges, *in the Health* and Medicines Bill, for previously *free dental checks and eye tests.* There was a sizeable revolt on the second reading and many more MPs intend to object if it is unaltered on report stage. With the Chancellor now so awash with money the revolt is likely to take on major proportions. The chorus of Tories demanding that a signifi*cant proportion of the* Chancellor's extra cash should be diverted from tax cuts to the NHS is swelling, on both left and right of the party.

Moore has achieved, far faster than he might have expected, the first stage of his operation: the electorate is now aware that a state monopoly system of care rationed by queues is less than perfect. It *knows there are difficulties in* funding a service of infinite demand with finite resources. Even the Opposition acknowledges the problem. But it is down to Moore and Mrs Thatcher, not Neil Kinnock, to come up with the answers, and they have not nearly as much time as they may have thought last June 12.

Tomorrow: the options

Why Britain must stand up to Peking

There is a great danger of Britain failing in its obligation towards the people of Hong Kong by fudging the issue of introducing direct elections to the Legislative Council. MPs should realize this when they debate the territory's future tomorrow.

By being over-sensitive to Peking's views and pressures, Britain and the Hong Kong government are widely seen to be retreating, short-sightedly, from principles they know to be true. Contrary to what is believed in Peking, democracy is not the enemy of stability and prosperity, even in Hong Kong. Nor does stability and prosperity depend only on big business. Many of the entrepreneurial skilled and professional middle classes who have been vital to making Hong Kong what it is today are leaving or preparing to leave for Australia, Canada and the United States. (Alas, nothing *has been done to attract them here.*)

They are going not only because they distrust their future communist overlords, from whose arbitrary and unpredictable tyranny they or their parents fled, but also because of their disillusionment with the British and Hong Kong governments' manage*ment of the transitionary period and the* handling of the negotiations with Peking since the 1984 Sino-British Agreement.

The agreement clearly called for a democratically elected legislature. But since then the British negotiators have accepted China's suggestion of a convergence of *approach in the lead-up to 1997.* This appears to mean that China now holds the whip hand *by claiming that nothing should be done that* might contravene its own Basic Law, on the *drafting of which neither the British nor Hong* Kong governments is being consulted.

Last year the Hong Kong government duly carried out the consultative exercise of gauging Hong Kong public opinion to which it had been committed. But it phrased the relevant questions in so complicated a way that it has been able to interpret the answers as being blurred, in a manner that suits its short-term requirements: namely, that the Hong Kong government recognizes that there is a desire for *democracy but there is no majority for* introducing it for the time being, and that it is not clear what procedures should be adopted.

Yet every independent opinion poll conducted in Hong Kong gives an overwhelmingly clear response that the majority not only want democracy but want direct elections for the *positions on the Legislative Council due to be* appointed later this year. The Hong Kong government is to publish a White Paper in April. Many fear it will obfuscate the issue and in effect wait for the Chinese to draft their Basic Law *in accordance with their own idiosyn*cratic ideas of democracy.

These developments cannot be in the best interests of the people of Hong Kong now, or in the future. Nor can they really be in the interests of China. As Taiwan moves towards a more genuinely representative democracy, the people there will not be impressed by a non-democratic Hong Kong that is hailed as an example of "one country two systems" that Peking wishes to apply to them too.

Once again, high principle and long-term interests would seem to converge. There is still time to ensure that British values and Britain's reputation will be upheld by discharging our responsibilities to the nearly six million people of Hong Kong. No greater symbol of this could be given than for the White Paper due in April to call for direct elections to the Legislative Council this year.

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Tony Blair

Alton: tactics and principles

The Alton Bill, banning abortion after 18 weeks, *is due* for debate this Friday, placing before MPs that rare item, *an* "issue of conscience". The term suggests MPs in some monastic retreat, but in fact the political heat from constituents has been infinitely fiercer than over matters of everyday party controversy.

Personally, I have found it an agonizing decision. Both my constituents and probably my constituency party would wish me to support the Bill. Though most of my Labour colleagues will oppose it, all but the extreme fringe are united in their insistence that it is a free vote. But it is not the political pressure that is troubling; it is the profound questions the issue raises about the nature of our society and the *laws it should pass.*

Most people accept neither an absolute right for women to choose or a total prohibition on abortion. We recognize that we are resolving a conflict: between the rights of the woman and those of the foetus or unborn child. The real question is when the one *prevails over the other.*

At present, the law is the product of the Abortion Act 1967 and the Infant Life (Preservation) Act 1929. Abortions are permitted on various grounds (certifiable by two doctors) up to the time when the foetus is capable of life independent of its mother. Once *the foetus has been carried for 28* weeks, that is prima facie evidence that it can survive.

It does not follow (and this is widely misunderstood) that abortions are necessarily lawful under 28 weeks; simply that they are not prima facie unlawful. Any foetus capable of life that is aborted, whether under 28 weeks *or not, is* actually aborted wrongly. In practise, the 28-week rule is the benchmark for criminal prosecutions, though as medical science advances, then even under existing law that could change.

The Alton Bill would outlaw all abortions after 18 weeks, except in two cases: to save the life of the woman or when the foetus has a disability incompatible with life.

There were 172,286 abortions in 1986, 8,276 or 4.8 per cent of *which were after 18 weeks.* The immediate difficulty with Alton's proposal, therefore, is that it does not affect 95 per cent of abortions or the grounds on which abortion can be obtained. It alters the legitimacy solely by reference to *the time the foetus has been car*ried. The limit of 18 weeks seems chosen for no easily discernible reason, whereas the existing limit is specifically based on the capability of independent life.

But it is the abortions after 18 weeks which are precisely the most sympathetic: where the foetus is *found to have serious* disability; young girls too afraid or ignorant to acknowledge pregnancy; those delayed by the NHS; women who for one reason or another have come late, and so usually in circumstances of great anguish, to want an abortion.

Some MPs, perhaps a decisive number, are attracted by the notion that the time limit for *abortion should be reduced to* reflect medical advances allowing the foetus to survive earlier, and are inclined to vote for the Bill with a view to amending it to, say, 23 or 24 weeks rather than 18.

This is beguiling but dangerous. The purpose of the Alton Bill has nothing to do with redefining the concept of the capacity to survive independently of the mother. That could have been done by a simple amendment to the 1929 Act or even under *existing* law. Its purpose is to *abandon* the idea that the rights of the foetus somehow depends on its independent capability to live. Parliament should be wary of legislating a tactical manoeuvre disguised as a principled compromise.

The truth is that the Bill is hard *to justify except as a first step.* To be fair, the proposers of the Bill will admit this: they want virtually all abortions to be unlawful and to them the advantage of the Bill is that it paves the way to taking the law still further. But the critical votes required to secure the passage of the Alton Bill will, in *fact, be given on the contrary* basis: that the Bill should then be amended to be more liberal. *It* must be unlikely that satisfactory legislation will emerge.

There is one final point put most persuasively by my parish priest to me: the Bill at least makes a statement. It signifies that we, as *a society, take the rights of the* foetus seriously and obliges us to justify interference with them.

This is a most powerful argument. But surely the answer to it lies in the nature of the statement we want to make. Any sensible *person is against abortion. The* real question is whether, outside of the obvious protection given to a foetus capable of surviving without the mother, and the requirement to show minimal cause to obtain an abortion, the *law should make criminal* those who face the acute moral and personal dilemma of carrying an unwanted child and decide to abort; in other words, to force where we have failed to persuade.

When we reject this proposition, we *do not in any sense* deny the rights of the foetus or affirm a belief in abortion. We merely reject the law as the best instrument to resolve the conflicts between the rights of the foetus or child and those of the woman.

The inescapable consequence of the Alton Bill is that a woman will *be made, under threat of criminal* penalties, to carry and give birth to a child, perhaps severely disabled, that she does not want. I do not say she is right, in those circumstances, to have an abortion. But I cannot in conscience, as a legislator, say *that I can take that* decision for her.

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***however* . . . Henry Stanhope**

Willie no come back again

'Twas *in the month of January,*
Nineteen Eighty Eight
That the puir people awoke to find
themselves facing a most
turrible fate.
For the man who for many a year
had piloted their island race
Through fearful tempests, now *in*
this year of grace
Alas, declared that he was going to
retire
To his windswept estate in a far-
off Northern shire
And leave the helm in the hands of
his handmaiden,
(A prospect which caused fearful
perturbation).
I refer of course to that great
nobleman Lord Whitelaw,
Who, though many had once
thought him a right bore,
It now transpired had been an
eminence grise
Without whom the ship of state
would surely have been
brought to its verray knees.
So genial had he seemed,
squirearchal and bluff
That no one had realized at first
that he knew enough
To sort out who was dry and who
was wet
And who was friend or foe in Mrs
Thatcher's Cabinet.
Now one might think that there
could be nobody more sinister
Than he who is said to be the
power behind the Prime Minister.
But it is a little-known fact that
Louis the Thirteenth once
cried "Mon Dieu,
However could I have coped
without Cardinal Richelieu?"
And since the year 1890 we have
all been verray much wiser
On account of seeing what hap-
pened to Germany after
Bismark had been *got rid of* by
the Kaiser.
As for Lloyd George, he was of
course verray fond
Of placing himself in the hands of
an *eminence blonde.*
It was therefore a long and
established political tradition
Which was inherited by this rich
and powerful Tory politician
Whom reporters thought one of
the Cabinet's great charmers
Because he spoke to them as to his
tenant farmers.
Not since the resignation of Mr
H.H. Asquith
Had anyone at Westminster faced
up to his or her Herculean task
with
Greater diligence or dedication.
Than this stout pillar of the
English nation.
So ruthless was he and yet, so
blessed in his sagacity
That nobody in the Lobby, it
seemed, dared doubt this
capacity
To throw them out of Downing
Street if e'er they tried
To question his authority at
Maggie's side.
But now the country's intrrepid
Mrs Thatcher
Faced a problem which her ene-
mies thought would catch her.
Where might she find a new
deputy who could steer
Her ships, as had this faithful
unambitious hereditary peer?
As the Cabinet assembled at
Number Ten,
Gloomily she surveyed the band
of anxious men
Whom she had carefully selected,
to prepare
The country for the dawn of a new
age of laissez-faire.
The Home and Foreign Sec-
retaries of State,
(more suited for quieter pastures
than that great chamber of
debate),
Of Energy, Defence and Education
(All of whom were interested only
in raising their political sta-
tion),
Of Trade and Industry, Employ-
ment and of Health,
And the Chancellor who was
responsible for harbouring the
country's grrreat wealth
Could she trust any of these
unquestioningly
As she had been able to do with
poor Willie,
To carry out her writ throughout
the realm
Without taking advantage while
she was preoccupied at the
helm?
As in the North, the ex-leader of
the House of Lords
Posed for photographers in flat
cap, Barbour jacket and fine
pair of cords,
The country awaited word from
Downing Street
On who in Cabinet might soon
occupy his seat
As deputy. Then came the worrd
that no one would.
It was to be, she said, as it most
clearrly should.
So that future political historians
might recall
That Willie was the noblest
Thatcherite of them all.
(Apologies to Mrrr McGonagall)

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HONOURABLE FAILURE

The document which brought Mr David Steel and Mr Robert Maclennan so much trouble last week was bad politics because it upset too many people. The substitute document which their two negotiating teams are to announce today will be worse politics because it will upset too few.

The new document will be one on which many people of goodwill can agree. That alone should arouse suspicion. A group of politicians must be very divided if all they can agree upon are pieties. The group of politicians who make up the centre of British politics are very divided indeed.

An agreement on policy between Mr Steel and Mr Maclennan was rejected by Mr Steel's party last week. Contrary to what some politicians seem to think, a week is a short enough time in politics for something which happened in one week to be well within the public's attention span in the next.

The troubles in the way of the merger have *only just* begun. Probably there will still be a merger, but at great cost. The diehard Liberal community politicians will still be against the new document – though one of their spiritual leaders, Mr Des Wilson, was in the Liberal negotiating team, and says all is well. They will be against it because they are diehard Liberal community politicians, not because of anything inflammatory which the document will contain. Unofficial copies circulating last night revealed one of the least inflammatory pronouncements in British political history.

Those Liberal true believers will be against it because they suspect that last week's version was the real one. They see it as the secret agenda, agreed between Mr Maclennan and Mr Steel, and designed to ditch them because they are thought an electoral embarrassment. That was certainly Mr Maclennan's aim, and – for a while – it was Mr Steel's. But to accuse Mr Steel of abandoning this is to ignore his legendary flexibility on policies.

In commending last week's document, he more or less told his fellow Liberals that those were his principles and that, if they did not like them, he would change them. They did not like them either, not because they disagreed with them but because they thought they would upset too many Liberals and prevent the merger. So it was agreed that three negotiators, not including Mr Steel, would sit down with three SDP representatives, not including Mr Maclennan, and change them.

So, in the new document, there will be no brandishing of Trident at the Soviet Union, or at the Liberal community politicians or at whoever last week's paragraphs on Trident were directed. Instead, there will be a harmless passage about the need to work for world nuclear disarmament – which desirable end would naturally include the abolition of British nuclear weapons.

That is something to which Mr Maclennan could respectably assent, but it was hardly the point about nuclear weapons which he was emphasizing last week. Then he was saying that Britain had to make sure that, so long as other countries had nuclear weapons, Britain should have the next generation of them; a very different emphasis.

Mr Steel, whether or not he remains leader, will have no difficulty in accepting this sort of compromise since such stuff has become his stock in trade. But Mr Maclennan's reputation is for stolid adherence to grand themes, such as Nato and the need for a British nuclear deterrent, or smaller themes enunciated at ludicrously inappropriate moments – such as VAT on children's clothing.

The commitments which he forced on Mr Steel last week offered hope for Britain, not just on defence. By talking about "targetting" child benefit at those in need, he matched the most radical Tories and challenged them to say whether they were as sincere as him in wanting the money thus saved to go to the truly needy. He should now say that this new document is unacceptably feeble, and should return to an SDP under Dr Owen's leadership.

There will be a period of estrangement from the Liberals. But the sad realities of centre party politics will compel another electoral alliance before long. Mr Maclennan will have forgone the tiny pleasures of being the leader of a tiny party, but he will have kept his honour.

SERVICE BACK STAGE

Some instinctive eyebrows will be raised at the news that a younger member of the Royal Family is joining the professional theatre. It may be thought not quite right for Prince Edward to be making his debut on the lowest rung of theatrical management for so thoroughly commercial an operation as Mr Andrew Lloyd-Webber's Really Useful Company. Why, it is asked, could this Thespian prince not be launched into the National Theatre or some other non profit-making and subsidized body?

Such reactions are understandable. But they are wrong, insensitive and illogical too. The best argument against Prince Edward's decision would be on the general principle that the Royal Family should be engaged wholly and only in public duties. That would accord with the traditional mystique of a Royal Family whose public duty is untainted with personal ambition and interest.

In contemporary society, however, there is not enough available public service to fulfil younger members of the Royal Family who want to do something positive with their lives and are not satisfied with largely ceremonial and decorative roles. The Prince of Wales has carved out for himself a special place in the life of the nation, often encouraging independent thinking in areas where it is much needed. The Duke of York has embarked on the professional career of a naval officer and plainly relishes it. Prince Edward had a period in the Royal Marines, did not like it and left. He was entitled to do so and it was good sense.

What then was open to Prince Edward but some form of participation in the ordinary life of the nation? The younger members of the Royal Family are constantly exhorted from parts of the media to do something more substantial than ceremonial duties. Had the prince opted to go into industry or the City he might have been more readily applauded. Yet in logic there is not a pin to choose between being a graduate trainee of a bank or industrial conglomerate and joining a theatre company as a production assistant where his purpose, in his own words, is "to learn more about the theatre professionally", and to do so in the ranks.

Prince Edward is not the first member of the immediate Royal Family to embark on making a non-Royal career. The Princess Royal has made a reputation for herself as an international equestrian sportswoman, and still has time left over for conspicuously useful charitable work. The Earl of Harewood, admittedly a king's grandson rather than the monarch's son, has had a distinguished career in opera management. There is no reason why Prince Edward should not follow their example and still have time for Royal duties, especially in the arts in which he is interested.

This new active role of members of the Royal Family in non-Royal pursuits must however, carry a caveat. Care must be taken both by the working members of the Royal Family and by those who give them work. It is easy to envisage theatrical enterprises in which it would be unacceptable to involve Prince Edward. The more the Queen's children go out into the ordinary life of the nation, forsaking the artificial trappings of dignity, the more important it is for them to preserve a real dignity of living. Nothing should be asked of them that diminishes it.

NORTH PACIFIC PARIAH

As midnight struck on Sunday, South Korea won a signal – and entirely peaceful – victory over its northern neighbour and implacable enemy. The deadline for entries to the 1988 Olympic Games had passed with a record 161 countries agreeing to take part. Only three of those invited had failed to reply, and only another three had declined. One, Nicaragua, cited the state of war at home; the other two were Cuba and North Korea.

The tally was a comprehensive defeat for North Korea. Not only had it failed to persuade the International Olympic Committee that it should stage more than the eight Olympic events it had been offered, but it had not persuaded any country of significance to boycott the Games either. Only Cuba cited its support of North Korea's claim to act as co-host as its reason for not going to Seoul, and Cuba today has little of the standing it had even 10 years ago as the vanguard of Third World revolution.

North Korea is now more isolated than it has ever been. For its gesture to have been in the least effective, Pyongyang would have to have convinced either Moscow or Peking, preferably both, to stay away from Seoul as well. In the event both have accepted the invitation.

There was a time when considerations of ideological solidarity might have persuaded them to join North Korea. So too would strategic interests. For nearly 30 years, the rivalry between Moscow and Peking made each cautious about allowing the other to gain the upper hand in Pyongyang. Now, not only have the Soviet Union and China started to mend their relations (without the help of North Korea), but both seem to believe that their interests are better served by courting the South than by pandering to the North.

Pyongyang is now in the unenviable position of needing Moscow and Peking more than they need it. The blame for this isolation rests exclusively with the North Korean leadership. Grandly styling the country the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, it has instituted what is, even by the standards of communism, one of the world's least democratic regimes. The "great leader and teacher", Kim Il Sung, has built a personality cult which yields little in hyperbole to that of Stalin.

Kim, moreover, has squandered much of the ideological sympathy he might have enjoyed from other communist states by adapting Marxism-Leninism with his idiosyncratic *Chuche* philosophy and introducing the novel concept of a communist dynasty. He has unashamedly groomed his son, Kim Jong Il, as his successor and presented him as such to foreign leaders.

Pyongyang's self-inflicted isolation poses the risk, however, that it will resort to desperate action. North Korea has repeatedly been implicated in terrorism against the South. Last week, the confession of a Korean woman – however it was obtained – blamed the North for bringing down a South Korean plane off the coast of Thailand and killing all on board. The timing of the incident, on the eve of the presidential election in the South and as many countries were deciding whether to attend the Seoul Olympics, suggested yet another attempt by the North to intimidate the South and all who would deal with Seoul.

While that attempt clearly failed, Pyongyang's isolation will only encourage it to try again. Yesterday, the President of the International Olympic Committee emphasized that there was still time for North Korea to change its mind, both on staging the events it had been offered and on its participation. That would be the reasonable course. Given its record, however, North Korea will probably demur. In which case, all those who have pledged to attend the Olympics, and Seoul itself, will need to exercise special vigilance – and a steadfast refusal to give in to terrorists.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Fear of weapon against legal aid

From Mr B. A. Hytner, QC

Sir, At a time when the House of Lords is considering the Legal Aid Bill in detail it is to be hoped that particular consideration will be given to the Government's extraordinary attempt to curtail the rights of both barristers and solicitors to question the Lord Chancellor's decisions by judicial review in the courts.

Under section 32 of the Bill the Lord Chancellor "shall be entitled to have regard to . . . the cost to public funds", among a number of factors, when setting the level of remuneration for those carrying out legally-aided work. While this is an entirely legitimate consideration when the Government is determining the extent of legal aid, it is the wording of this section rather than the introduction of this new factor which creates a blanket defence in the courts against a review of his decisions.

Given that the wording of the Bill clearly fails to acknowledge the principle of allowing fair remuneration for work actually and reasonably done (unlike the Government White Paper and previous legislation), the substitution of the words "shall be entitled to have regard", in place of the current legislation's "may have regard", can only be seen as an attempt by the back door to prevent a review of the manner in which the Government carries out its obligations to the professions. You will recall that lawyers successfully sought to review the decisions of a former Lord Chancellor on this question by means of judicial review in 1986.

Should this provision be passed unamended it will place a weapon in the hands of a Lord Chancellor who may be under intolerable pressure from the Treasury to reduce expenditure on the legal-aid scheme. The use of such a weapon will have serious repercussions for the legally-aided litigant, since a reduction in fees for lawyers will inevitably lead to a reduction in the numbers and quality of those prepared to carry out such work and hence to a second-class system of justice for those who depend upon the scheme.

At present, all the Government has to do to avoid being subject to judicial review is to "act fairly"; does the change in the Bill signal an intention on its part to act unfairly towards both branches of the profession?

Yours etc,
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The General Council of the Bar,
11 South Square,
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January 18.

25 years of Franco-German accord

From the Ambassadors of France and of the Federal Republic of Germany

Sir, Two of the European Communities' member States will be celebrating on January 22 a special anniversary: the signing, 25 years ago, of the treaty on Franco-German cooperation. This event was generally recognized at the time, both inside and outside Europe, as a landmark in international relations.

Everyone – and certainly our British friends – remembers the devastation caused by the two world wars. In the minds of Winston Churchill, Robert Schuman, Alcide de Gasperi and other great Europeans, the first priority after the last war was to prevent a recurrence of such conflicts.

With the same end in view, Chancellor Adenauer and General de Gaulle undertook to set the seal on our reconciliation by establishing it on lasting foundations. Today we welcome the fact that not only the old antagonisms are dead but that, in the words of the Elysée joint declaration of January 22, 1963, the relations between the two peoples have been "profoundly transformed".

By meeting at regular intervals – "at least twice a year" – and launching a wide-ranging programme of cooperation that embraces not only foreign affairs and defence but many other fields, including education and exchanges of young people, our two countries' leaders have gradually forged close ties that by no means preclude bilateral cooperation with other partners. They have thus also consciously furthered the construction of Europe.

As the treaty stipulates, our Community partners have always been kept "informed of the development of Franco-German cooperation". In the last 25 years the French and Germans have aimed jointly to be a dynamic force in Europe. They have quite naturally come to put to their European partners a number of constructive proposals in pursuit of economic, technological (e.g., Eureka) and other goals.

Implementation of the Elysée programme on defence cooperation, which began in 1982, has recently gained momentum in harmony with the revitalization of Western European Union. It takes into account the fact that one of our two countries has its forces integrated in Nato and does not possess nuclear weapons, whereas the other, a nuclear power, is outside the integrated military organization, while maintaining a considerable conventional presence on German soil.

As the WEU-platform of October, 1987, stated, our countries – as well as Britain – are convinced that a united Europe will remain incomplete as long as it does not include security and defence, thus making a stronger contribution to the Alliance.

As the President of the French Republic recalled on November 24, 1987, "We Germans and French are loyal Atlantic Alliance partners and mean to fulfil our obligations towards it". Indeed, the governments in Bonn and Paris, when developing their cooperation in the fields of defence and security even further, do not want to forge an exclusive relationship. Our Allies, and in particular the United Kingdom, which is playing such a major role in the European institutions – EC, WEU, Council of Europe – know that our initiatives contribute significantly to the strength of the West.

The Franco-German treaty, now 25 years old, is furthering both our two peoples' highest interests and the cause of the strong and stable Europe we believe the world needs.

Yours sincerely,
RÜDIGER von WECHMAR,
LUC de la BARRE de NANTEUIL,
Ambassade de France en Grande Bretagne,
58 Knightsbridge, SW1.
January 18.

Forests in Sarawak

From the High Commissioner for Malaysia

Sir, Lord Shackleton's letter in The Times of January 5 would call for some comments. At the outset we wish to make one fundamental point – namely, it is our national policy to get *all* members of the Malaysian community to enjoy, in equal measure as much as possible, the facilities provided by the State. The Penans therefore should have access to all the modern (for want of a better word) amenities – housing, medical services, education facilities, to name but a few – that would ensure a decent way of living.

But today the Penans, in the words of Lord Shackleton, "are simply forest-dwelling hunter gatherers, most of whom live, not in long houses but in huts or shelters in the forest". Such lifestyle sounds deceptively blissful. The Penans deserve a better life.

Timber loggings are licensed by the State under stringent conditions on reafforestation in order to ensure the future supply of timber and ecological balance. Sarawak has 9.4 million hectares of forest land; some are reserved for national parks, wildlife sanctuaries, and 5,590 hectares for communal forests. Six million hectares are licensed for timber loggings. Current reafforestation is approximately 3,000 hectares, while forest affected by shifting cultivation is approximately 2.2 million hectares.

Lord Shackleton also calls readers' attention to a number of arrests under the Internal Security Act (ISA). Firstly, we must emphasise that the detainees, totalling 106, come from various groups, including environmentalists, but none of them were detained because of their commitments in their respective fields. Rather they were detained for exploiting racial and community issues and for activities connected with religious incitements. After investigations, 73 detainees were released.

We must make the point that ISA is an Act of Parliament. The ISA has proven to be an effective instrument preventing racial riots and the emergence of non-democratic system in Malaysia.

Yours faithfully,
JAMALUDDIN,
High Commission for Malaysia,
45 Belgrave Square, SW1.
January 13.

Cathedral library

From the Librarian of Lincoln Cathedral

Sir, I would like to add a little clarification to your report (January 9) on the restoration of the Wren Library at Lincoln Cathedral. The Wren document referred to was not recently discovered, but has long been known to exist among the cathedral archives. The document was valuable in indicating the colour scheme proposed by the architect, but the most important evidence was provided by the painstaking removal of layers of paint from the walls of the library to reveal the original design.

Future events in this most exciting, if turbulent (and costly!) period in the cathedral library's history include a new catalogue of the medieval manuscripts and an extensive programme of conservation when they and the rest of the books return to Lincoln later this year from Nottingham University library.

Yours faithfully,
JOAN WILLIAMS,
The Library,
The Cathedral, Lincoln.
January 9.

All over the place

From Mr Martin Banham

Sir, Your illustration (January 14) of Mr Scargill leaving a miners' meeting in Wales is captioned "Exit stage left". In fact Mr Scargill is exiting stage right – actor's right, audience's left. Make of that what you will.

Yours sincerely,
MARTIN BANHAM, Editor,
The Cambridge Guide to World Theatre.
4 Oakwood Gardens,
Leeds, West Yorkshire.

Catholic view of education Bill

From Mr Piers Paul Read

Sir, It is always awkward for a Catholic to take issue with the leader of his church, but my experience both as a parent and a governor of schools in the Catholic and county sectors of the State system impels me to counter Cardinal Hume's objections to the new education Bill ("No room for religion", January 13).

His first complaint is that religious education will not be part of the core curriculum. He does not say how he thinks it should be taught, but it seems to me unreasonable for Christians to expect non-Christian teachers to impose Christian truths upon an agnostic nation; and foolhardy to subject those few children from Christian families to courses in "comparative religion" which so often lead to a loss of faith.

Nor does it seem fair to chastise the Government or "its obsession with technology and economic prosperity". It was recognised by the Second Vatican Council in its Dogmatic Constitution on the Church that "the terrestial city, rightly concerned with secular affairs, is governed by its own principles" and it seems to me that it is these principles which are behind Mr Baker's Bill.

The Cardinal's second objection is to the right of the Catholic voluntary-aided schools to apply for grant-maintained status despite the objections of the trustee. He regards a veto by the trustee of such a move by a board of governors as "the minimum safeguard that the Catholic community might accept . . ." Since the trustee is invariably the local bishop, this safeguard, if adopted, would frustrate the Bill's intention to give power to the parents who use and, through their taxes, pay for the schools.

Here again the Cardinal's views appear at odds with the teaching of the Second Vatican Council which, in its Declaration on Christian Education, gave to parents, not to bishops, the primary responsibility for the education of their children and called for "the *fullest liberty in their choice of* school".

There are, in fact, many Catholic parents who, far from agreeing with the Cardinal's objections, look to Mr Baker's Bill to free their schools from interference by the bureaucracies of their bishops' diocesan educational services.

Yours faithfully,
PIERS PAUL READ,
50 Portland Road, W11.
January 14.

Academic freedom

From Mr G. R. Adams

Sir, In Bryan Appleyard's article (Spectrum, January 8) on the troubles at the London School of Economics in 1968, he refers to my brother, Dr Walter Adams, as a Rhodesian. He was born in Brighton, Sussex. Before the war, during his career in University College, London, he worked with Sir William Beveridge as secretary of the Academic Assistance Council, which was able to save many Jewish scientists and academics from persecution by the Nazis and then resettle them in the UK and USA.

After the war, my brother became secretary of the Inter-University Council for Higher Education in the colonies, which was responsible for the establishment of many colleges, now universities, throughout the present Commonwealth, all based on the principles of academic freedom and multi-racial education.

In 1956 he was asked to become Principal of the University College of Rhodesia in very difficult political circumstances and in 1965 UDI was declared by Ian Smith's regime, leading to the long and tragic years of civil war from which Zimbabwe has now emerged.

No one could foresee the outcome, nor the length of the insurrection and Dr Adams was faced with a difficult choice. Rather than face the loss of the only centre of multi-racial education and academic freedom, he chose to stay, to defend as best he could the principles for which he had worked all his life. For this he received much personal and physical abuse.

His action was not widely understood in the UK and his appointment as Director of the LSE was used by those with other motives. The violence he saw at LSE caused him great distress and was seen as a possible threat to academic freedom at LSE. The turmoil at that time was calmed by his prudent actions which allowed LSE to weather that storm and led to improved relations with staff and students.

He should not be remembered as only a catalyst of the troubles at LSE in 1968.

Yours sincerely,
G. R. ADAMS,
Oak Cottage, Padley Mews,
Grindleford,
Sheffield, South Yorkshire.
January 8.

Rolling in the aisles

From Mr A. C. Fraser

Sir, I read with interest the account (January 9) of the restored barrel organ at West Tytherley. We have a similar organ in the church of St Bartholomew at Brightwell Baldwin. Made by Walker in 1843, it was restored by them in 1938. It has three barrels, each of which plays 10 hymns or chants.

Now only used occasionally, it was in regular use until 1938. A retired farmer, still living in the parish, was the regular "organist" and recalls being reprimanded by the rector for making too much noise in changing barrels while prayers were being said.

Yours faithfully,
A. C. FRASER,
The Orchard, Upperton,
Brightwell Baldwin,
Watlington, Oxfordshire.
January 13.

Feverish rivalry

From Dr E. S. Leedham-Green

Sir, Of the 1,207 men and women whose obituaries were printed in your paper in 1987, 134 were stated to have had their education and/or their employment at Oxford, as against 163 from Cambridge.

We can only suppose that the fevers and agues emanating from the surrounding fens continue to constitute a hazard here.

Yours faithfully,
E. S. LEEDHAM-GREEN
(Assistant Keeper),
University Archives,
University of Cambridge,
West Road, Cambridge.
January 11.

ON THIS DAY

JANUARY 19 1935

Lima was one of the last outposts of Spain's power in America; it was not until 1826 that the last Spanish troops had left the country

THE SPANIARDS IN PERU

FOUNDING "CITY OF KINGS"

From Our Lima Correspondent

Four hundred years ago Francisco Pizarro, swineherd, soldier of fortune, and *conquistador*, decided to build the capital of the newly conquered State of Peru on a barren site guarded by steep mountains . . .

Francisco planned his city on a large scale, well knowing that the wealth of the new land would attract adventurers from Spain. His action was justified, as the tales of riches which his brother, Hernando, took back to Europe soon brought Spaniards flocking to Peru. Besides the loyal Hernando, however, the *conquistador* was burdened with two brothers whose greed outran their fraternal feelings. In 1536 Juan and Gonzalo Pizarro, in company with one Diego Almagro, led a revolt against their brother which was crushed after much bloodshed. The defeat rankled with the rebels, who lurked in Lima, and on June 26, 1541, a band of assassins attacked Francisco in the open arcade of his palace. He fell, making the sign of the Cross in his own blood as he died, and the way lay open for Spanish dominion.

Indeed even before the murder of Pizarro Spain had decided to annex the country. In 1540 Vaca de Castro was sent out with orders to claim Peru in the name of his Catholic Majesty who was also the Holy Roman Emperor Charles V. On his arrival at Quito de Castro learned that the *conquistador* was dead, and at once declared his authority to take over Peru for the King of Spain. The intransigent Gonzalo and the son of the rebel Almagro promptly opposed the Spanish emissary. Almagro was defeated and executed, and Gonzalo was persuaded to retire peacefully to his estates.

THE FIRST VICEROY

Meanwhile tales of the sufferings of the Indians in Peru had reached Spain, and after a council at Valladolid a Viceroy was appointed with plenary powers to rule over South America from his seat in Lima, and a new code was drawn up in which the Indians were declared free subjects of the King. News of these laws travelled ahead of the Viceroy, to the indignation of the Spaniards in Peru, who induced Gonzalo to emerge from his country retreat and, like Cincinnatus, to lead a force against the invader. His task was made easier by the unpopularity of the Viceroy, Blasco Nuñez Vela, whose men deserted to the rebels in large numbers. Moreover, by imprisoning de Castro and murdering an officer in the Palace, the Viceroy drew upon himself the displeasure of the *Audiencia Real* in Panama, which . . . had him sent under guard to Spain . . .

After this inauspicious beginning of the viceregal régime the mother country sent Pedro de la Gasca, an astute priest, to straighten out the affairs of Peru. By subtlety and soft words Gasca had succeeded in drawing most of Gonzalo's supporters to his banner by the time he reached Lima. After consolidating his position there the militant priest marched against Gonzalo, and the two armies came face to face at Cuzco. Gasca's victory there was bloodless . . .

In 1548 Gasca returned to Lima, and the viceregal period, which was to last for 280 years, was really inaugurated. Lima became the first city of Spanish America, the recipient of all the wealth which poured from the silver mines. Her Viceroy was the greatest man on the continent, the sole ruler of millions of subjects . . .

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
January 18: The Duke of Kent, Patron of the International Blue Holes Research Project, this evening attended a Reception and Lecture at the Royal Geographical Society, London SW7.

Sir Richard Buckley was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
His Royal Highness The Prince Edward will be joining the staff of the Really Useful Theatre Company in February 1988 as a Production Assistant to work within the theatre division.

Birthdays today

The Right Rev S.F. Allison, former Bishop of Winchester, 81; Sir Alfred Beit, former MP, 85; Miss Nina Bawden, novelist, 63; Judge Sir Jonathan Clarke, 58; Mr Michael Crawford, actor and singer, 46; Mr Bernard Dunstan, painter, 68; Lord Glentoran, 76; Mr W.K. Goldsmith, company director, 50; Miss Patricia Highsmith, writer, 67; Sir Alex Jarratt, chairman, Smiths Industries, 64; Mr Richard Lester, film director, 56; Colonel Terence Maxwell, 83; Brigadier Helen Mcechie, former director, WRAC, 50; Mr Nigel Nicolson, author, 71; Señor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, secretary general, United Nations, 68; the Earl of Carnarvon, 64; Mr Simon Rattle, conductor, 33; Mr John Stanley, MP, 46; the Earl of Wemyss and March, 76.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: James Watt, inventor, Greenock, 1736; Johann Bode, astronomer, Hamburg, 1747; Robert E Lee, Confederate commander-in-chief in the American Civil War, Stratford, Virginia, 1807; Edgar Allan Poe, Boston, Massachusetts, 1809; Sir Henry Bessemer, pioneer of steel production, Charlton, Hertfordshire, 1813; Paul Cézanne, Aix-en-Provence, 1839; Augustine Birrell, politician and writer, Wavertree, Lancashire, 1850.

DEATHS: Henry Howard, Earl of Surrey, poet and courtier, London, 1547; William Congreve, dramatist, London, 1729; Pierre Proudhon, socialist, Paris, 1865.

Today's royal engagements

The Princess of Wales will open the maternity unit, ante-natal and special care baby unit at St Helier Hospital, Carshalton, Surrey, at 10.30.

The Duchess of York will attend a private view of the Childhood Exhibition at Sotheby's at 7.00 in aid of the Friends of Youth Clubs UK.

Prince Edward, President of the National Youth Music Theatre, will attend the opening performance of *Let's Make an Opera* at Sadler's Wells Theatre at 7.25.

The Princess Royal and Captain Mark Phillips will attend a dinner given by the American Ambassador at Winfield House at 8.15.

Princess Margaret will attend a gala performance of *South Pacific* at the Prince of Wales Theatre at 7.25, in aid of the Royal London Society for the Blind and the Park Lane Group.

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy

Retirements
REAR ADMIRAL: A Wheatley, 13.1.88.
COMMANDERS: M J Butt, 5.2.88; B J Cawis, 19.3.88.

Royal Air Force

AIR COMMODORE: A J Lowery to MOD (PE), 22.1.88.
GROUP CAPTAIN: D W Hiller to MOD AFD, 18.1.88.
WING COMMANDERS: R W Cripps to Nato Staff Northwood, 19.1.88; C Vail Ree to RAF Alrotri, 20.1.89; P C Squire to IRS Locking, 18.1.88; M B M Canavan to Belgrade 22.1.88.

The Vernon Harcourt lecture on '24,000 ton shiplift for modern shipbuilding concept at Barrow' will be given tonight at 6 pm by Mr Alfred J. Elliott at the Institution of Civil Engineers, Westminster.

Science report

Will the universe end with a crunch?

By Robert Matthews, Technology Correspondent

Measurements of the amount of the metal lithium in deep space are helping astronomers work out the ultimate fate of the universe.

Although most astronomers agree that the universe began in a cataclysmic explosion, the so-called Big Bang, about 15 thousand million years ago, there is no consensus on how the universe will end.

Some believe that it will expand forever, while others claim that there is enough matter in the universe for gravity to slow and stop the expansion, eventually forcing it to collapse to a Big Crunch.

Recent theories of the origin of the universe suggest an intermediate state of affairs, where the universe just teeters on the brink of collapse, the expansion gradually slowing, but never stopping completely.

Deciding who is right is one of the major tasks now facing observational astronomers: and increasingly, they are turning to their colleagues working on nuclear physics to provide an answer.

The reason is that, in its earliest stages, the universe was essentially a colossally powerful particle accelerator in which the lightest chemical elements we now see, such as hydrogen, helium and lithium, were "cooked" out of raw ingredients such as protons and neutrons.

Scientists have found that the cooking process is a very delicate affair, enabling measurements of the amount of these elements now present to shed light on the basic properties of the universe.

In particular, their abundance can be used to estimate the ratio of the number of particles like neutrons and protons (known collectively as *baryons*) in the universe to a quantity which depends on the average temperature of space.

This average temperature was first determined in a famous experiment in 1965, and is known to be about minus 270 degrees centigrade. So measuring the chemical abundances leads directly to the number of baryons, and hence to an indication of whether there is enough matter in the universe to halt the expansion.

According to astrophysicist Dr K A Olive of the University of Minnesota, observations of the chemical composition of stars in our galaxy indicate that there are between 0.6 and 7 lithium atoms for every billion hydrogen atoms in the universe.

Astrophysicists have now combined these data with newly-developed theories of the conditions that existed about one hundred-thousandth of a second after the Big Bang, in the run-up to the "cooking" of the elements.

To get the amount of lithium we now see, calculations show that the amount of mass locked up in the form of baryons can be only about one-sixth that needed to close the universe.

The simple conclusion is that the universe will therefore expand forever. However, scientists who back the Big Crunch theory are fighting a rearguard action. They point out that baryons are not the only family of particles known to physics, and are now trying to show that so-called "exotic" particles exist in large enough quantities to halt the expansion.

Reference: Nature, vol 330, 24 December, page 700.

Bridge

Explosive finish

The opening weekend of the home countries bridge championship for the Camrose Cup saw England, the holders, playing against Scotland at the Station Hotel, Perth, and Northern Ireland, the 1987 runners-up, playing at home against Wales at Dunadry.

Both matches followed a similar pattern with a quiet start and an explosive finish. England gaining 92 imps on the last 20 boards which just failed to catch Northern Ireland who also had a maximum win to lead the table by two victory points.

The second weekend on the 13th/14th February should prove decisive when England meet Northern Ireland over three matches at Castletown, Isle of Man. The other match Scotland v Wales is at the Roxburgh Hotel, Edinburgh.

Placings: Northern Ireland 61, England 69, Scotland 29, Wales 27.
Teams: Northern Ireland, M Rosenberg, R Anderson; B Senior, H Campbell; I Lindsay, D Johnstone; npc S Hall.
England, A R Forrester, R S Brock; J M Armstrong, G T Kirby; W P Crook, G Hyett; npc R J Fleet.
Scotland, B Shenkin, V Silverstone; Dr R Bennett, L Steel; F Marshall, W Innes; npc W Mitchell.
Wales, P D Jourdain, A Thomas; M N Hirst; A Pierce; G Evans, Mrs D Kurbalija; npc D M Powell.

Schools news

Allan's Schools
The Governors of Dame Allan's Schools, Newcastle upon Tyne, have appointed Mr T.A. Willcocks, Deputy Headmaster of Nottingham High School, to fill the new post of Principal of Dame Allan's Schools. He will succeed Miss J. Graham, Head Mistress of the Girls' School, and Mr F. Wilkinson, Head Master of the Boys' School, both retiring in August 1988 after eighteen years' service each to their respective schools.

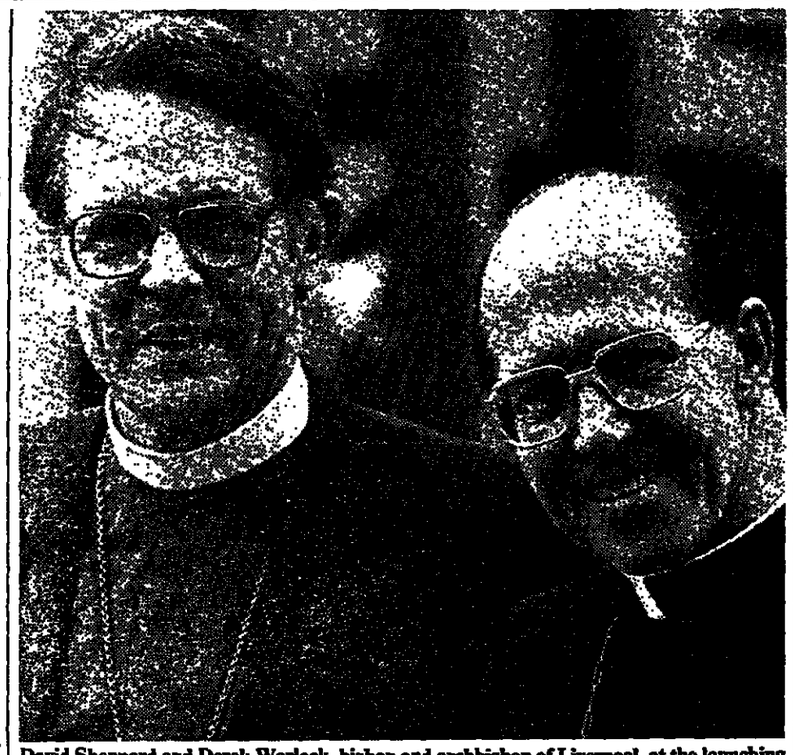
St Margaret's School, Bushey, Hertfordshire
Spring Term has begun for all pupils at St Margaret's School, Bushey. The School Officers are: Head Girl, Tracey Herring, Deputy Head Girl, Joanne Kersey, and Games Captain, Alena Salim. Main events this term will be the Entrance Examinations on Tuesday, January 26, and February 29 to March 2. The Chapel Choir joins Harrow School to sing *Belshazzar's Feast* on Thursday, March 17, and Eton to sing Verdi's *Requiem* on Friday, March 18. Candidates will be confirmed by the Right Rev D.J. Farmbrough, Bishop of Bedford, on Saturday, March 19. The school is proud to announce its candidates' success in gaining places at Oxford and Cambridge. Term ends on Wednesday, March 30.

Latest wills

Latest wills include:
Mr Stanley Basil Reay, of East Molesey, Surrey, for 25 years secretary of the Lawn Tennis Association and of the International Lawn Tennis Federation, and former chairman of the British Schools Tennis Association, left estate valued at £316,445 net.

Mr Francis Thomas Fretwell, of Old Brampton, Chesterfield, Derbyshire, left estate valued at £811,921 net.

Mr Donald Frank Leney, of Shottermill, Haslemere, Surrey, left estate valued at £1,083,676 net.



David Sheppard and Derek Worlock, bishop and archbishop of Liverpool, at the launching of their book, *Better Together*, in London yesterday (Photograph: Mark Pepper).

Bishops go in to bat together

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Editor

The Archbishop and Bishop of Liverpool, or Tweedledum and Tweedledee as they are sometimes known to their Scouse flocks, have written a joint book celebrating their famous partnership. Yesterday they faced the bowling from the press.

The Bishop of Liverpool, the Right Reverend David Sheppard, who is not fond of being reminded that he once captained England, demonstrated some of his more famous strokes without actually hitting the ball anywhere.

The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Liverpool, The Most Reverend Derek Worlock, at the other end, was palpably slow to leave his crease. They had clearly decided beforehand not to throw their wickets away.

The purpose of a press conference to launch a book is to get something reported in next day's papers. Hodder & Stoughton, the publishers, could have done with a more limited-overs approach from their famous authors.

Underarm questions aiming at headlines of the "Church clash with Maggie" variety received a careful spin-killing defence back down the wicket.

Was the Bishop of Liverpool against Budget tax cuts? He quoted from the book something he had quoted himself saying somewhere else — yes and no. Archbishop Worlock, leaning on his bat, wished to be associated with that reply, and could almost be heard muttering the word "Stay". As press conferences go, it was a maiden over.

What came across was a change of mood from some of the more beleaguered statements of "Double D", as the Liverpool prelates are sometimes also known on Merseyside; a new mood of cautious optimism about Liverpool's future.

As befits two men whose cathedrals rise above the rooftops at either end of Hope Street, they saw the prospect as better, though not without problems.

Liverpool had to adapt to being a smaller community, said one, and the other agreed; and if it could do so, the future was not so bleak. Businesses were opening now as well as closing; government ministers had put Merseyside on their itinerary again. But there were still children in schools in Liverpool whose parents have never had a "real" job, Archbishop Worlock said.

If Liverpool started to take off, Bishop Sheppard added, there was a danger that some of the old council estates, and most of the black community, could be left behind.

The book is a joint record of their 12 years of partnership, jointly written, though with a few bits only signed by one of them.

Archbishop Worlock, for instance, at one point found the convenient phrase for Bishop Sheppard as "a Bishop of the Church of England", but refused to say whether he regarded his Holy Orders and consecration as valid in his eyes.

Bishop Sheppard's reaction is not recorded: and the press conference was not an occasion when they would be tempted to bowl such googlies at each other for the entertainment of journalists.

Better Together: David Sheppard and Derek Worlock; (*Hodder and Stoughton*; £12.95).

Reception

English-Speaking Union
The American Ambassador, accompanied by Mrs Price, welcomed the guests at a reception held last night at Winfield House in aid of the English-Speaking Union's appeal. Lord Pym and Mr Michael Wynne-Parker, chairman of the appeal, also spoke.

Admiral Phillip Memorial Trust

The Australian High Commissioner read the lesson at a memorial service for Admiral Arthur Phillip, first governor of New South Wales, held yesterday at St Mary-le-Bow. The Rev Victor Stock officiated and gave an address. Others present included the Agents General for Australia, members of the Admiral Phillip Memorial Trust, Aldermen, Officers of the Corporation of London and members of the Australian business community in London.

University news

Liverpool
Professor Fred Norbury has retired as Deputy to the Vice-Chancellor of Liverpool University. Last summer he retired from the Harrison chair of mechanical engineering, which he had held for 20 years.

Reading
Professor Pradip K. Sinha, formerly a professor at Keele University, has been appointed professor of electronic engineering.
Dr Kevin Warwick, a senior lecturer at the University of Warwick, has been appointed professor of cybernetics at Reading from August.

Meetings

Royal Over-Seas League
Sir Nicholas Lyell, QC, MP, Solicitor General, was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Discussion Circle of the Royal Over-Seas League held last night at Over-Seas House. Mrs Elizabeth Cresswell presided.

Chartered Institute of Transport
Mr John Hargreaves delivered his paper "A new way to sell Public Transport" to the Chartered Institute of Transport in London yesterday evening. Mr Robert Brook, president, presided.

Dinners

HM Government
Lord Young of Graffham, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, and Lady Young were hosts at a dinner held last night at Lancaster House in honour of Mr Hajime Tamura, Minister of International Trade and Industry, Japan, and Mrs Tamura.

English-Speaking Union
Ambassador Paul Robinson, Chairman of the English-Speaking Union of the United States, was the guest of honour at a dinner held last night at Dartmouth House in aid of the English-Speaking Union's appeal. Mr Michael Wynne-Parker, chairman of the appeal, presided. Among those present were:
The Marquess of Bristol, Lord Nicholas Hervey, Lord and Lady Pym, Jacqueline Lady Killearn, Mr Richard Luce, MP, and Mrs Luce, Mr and the Hon Mrs Carrie de Chair, Mr Winston S Churchill, MP, and Mrs Churchill, Mr and Mrs David Evans, Rear-Admiral and Mrs Richard Hesslip, Group Captain and Mrs David Hicks.

Admiralty Board
Admiral Sir William Staveley, First Sea Lord and Chief of Naval Staff, presided at a dinner given by the Admiralty Board and Commanders-in-Chief last night at Admiralty House to mark the retirement from the Royal Navy of Admiral Sir David Hallifax. Among those present were:
Lady Hallifax, Lady Staveley, Admiral Sir Richard Fitch, Sir John and Lady Bellisch, Admiral Sir Julian and Lady Oswald, Admiral Sir John and Lady Woodward, Vice-Admiral Sir Derek and Lady Reffell and Vice-Admiral Sir Benjamin and Lady Bathurst.

Foundation for Science and Technology
Lord Lloyd of Kilgerran, QC, Chairman of the Foundation for Science and Technology, was in the chair for the foundation's lecture and dinner discussion held on January 12, at the Dorchester Hotel to mark the fiftieth Anniversary of the commercialisation of Nylon by E.I. du Pont de Nemours who sponsored the evening. Sir Alan Cottrell and Dr R.C. Forney spoke on "The Materials Revolution".

Forthcoming marriages

Mr E. Fyfe
and Señorita M.J. Raffo
The engagement is announced between Edward, eldest son of Mr Andrew Fyfe and Señora Isabel Alvarado, and Maria Julia, youngest daughter of Señor Carlos Raffo, Peruvian Ambassador, and Señora Araceli de Raffo.

Mr W.M. French
and Miss M.M. Seth-Ward
The engagement is announced between Bill French, eldest son of Mr and Mrs William Hart, of Sand Udrigle, Ross-shire, and Martine, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Andrew Seth-Ward, of Sarasota, Florida, United States, formerly of Hertfordshire.

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Mr J.A.J. Horberry
and Señorita S-A. Gracia Lorente
The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr and Mrs W.R. Horberry, of Walton-on-Thames, Surrey, and Silvia-Adriana, daughter of the late Don Luis Gracia Castillo and of Doña Francisca Lorente Moreno, of Barcelona.

Mr J.A. Johnson
and Fraulein C.D.F. Ibing
The engagement is announced between James, elder son of Mr and Mrs H.L. Johnson, of Westerdale, Cirencester, and Christiane, only daughter of Herr and Frau P.H.U. Blume, of Salcombe, Devon and Herr and Frau G.D. Ibing, of Oberstdorf, Bavaria.

Mr T.P.J. Macaskie
and Miss V. Saunders
The engagement is announced between Patrick, only son of Mr and Mrs J. Macaskie, of Yarlington, Somerset, and Victoria, youngest daughter of Mr Peter Saunders, of Great Somerford, Wiltshire, and Mrs Didi Saunders, of Easton Grey, Wiltshire.

Mr M.P.G. Padley
and Miss E.A. Crozier
The engagement is announced between Marcus, youngest son of Mr and Mrs P.G. Padley, of Gayhurst, Buckinghamshire, and Elizabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.W. Crozier, of Poole, Dorset.

Mr G.S. Mildenhall
and Miss A.L.W. Newcomb
The engagement is announced between Gary, son of Mr Henry Mildenhall, of Richmond, Surrey, and Mrs Michael Loughton, of Alfriston, Sussex, and Annabel, younger daughter of Mr Hugh Newcomb, of Goudhurst, Kent, and of Mrs Geoffrey Miles, of Ewhurst, Sussex.

Mr P.L. Reynolds
and Miss J.P.A Cotgrove
The engagement is announced between Paul, son of Mr R.V. Reynolds, of Kennington, Kent, and Joan, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Donald Cotgrove, of St Davids, Exeter.

Dr C.R. Staniforth
and Miss J.A. Roberts
The engagement is announced between Christopher, youngest son of Mr and Mrs A.R. Staniforth, of Oxford, and Jane, only daughter of Professor and Mrs E.F.D. Roberts, of Edinburgh.

Mr J. Zwar
and Miss B.A. Kent
The engagement is announced between Jim, only son of Mrs Ian Heard and the late Mr Michael Zwar and stepson of Mr Ian Heard, of Roanoke, Glenthompson, Victoria, Australia, and Belinda (Flossie), daughter of Mr Peter Kent and the late Mrs Anne Kent and stepdaughter of Mrs Sue Kent, of The Old Rectory, Froxfield, Hampshire.

OBITUARY

AIR CDRE GEOFFREY MILLINGTON

Airborne eyes for armies on the battlefield

Air Commodore Geoffrey Millington, CB, CBE, DFC, who died on January 17, at the age of 74, led a fighter reconnaissance wing with great panache during the war, and afterwards had a wide variety of jobs. He successively commanded the RAF in the Persian Gulf; was Air Commander of the Zambian Air Force; and was Air Defence Adviser to the Singapore Air Defence Command.

Born in Ceylon on January 7, 1914, Edward Geoffrey Lyall Millington began a military career in the Cameron Highlanders, and was mentioned in dispatches while on service with the regiment in Palestine, in 1936.

In 1938 he transferred to the Royal Air Force. During the early part of the war he was on army co-operation duties, but in 1942 he was, as he put it, summoned from a staff college lecture of more than usual tedium to take command of No 225 Fighter Reconnaissance Squadron.

A relatively unsung branch of the wartime RAF, compared to the fighter and bomber arms, this kind of reconnaissance nevertheless called for exceptional flying skills — combining those of the fighter and ground attack pilot, artillery spotter and aerial photographer.

In the early days of German air superiority in the desert Millington and his pilots regularly had to penetrate veritable hornets' nests of defences, going in hard and low through marauding Me 109s and ground fire in search of information that might be vital to the British and American armies.

Millington led 225 squadron during the Torch invasion of North West Africa, through the invasion of Sicily, to the Salerno landings.

At that point the commanding officer of 285 Fighter Reconnaissance Wing was killed in an accident, and, though only 29, Millington was chosen to lead the wing. He gave up his beloved 225 with some reluctance, but now had under his command four squadrons, two British, one South African and one Polish.

He led the Wing until VE Day, in operations supporting the British 8th and American 5th Armies, in the dour slog up the Italian peninsula against an enemy who contested every inch of the way.

As Millington records in his book, *The Unseen Eye* (1961), even when overwhelmed by numerically and technically superior forces, the Germans never gave up, and, almost to the end, succeeded in making life difficult for the reconaissance squadrons, even when bereft of air cover themselves.

Among Millington's post-war jobs was a spell as chief of the Policy Division of Allied Air Forces Central Europe, from 1954 to 1956. This was a Nato post, held at Fontainebleau, at a time when the French forces were still part of the alliance. He was also a Commandant of the Central Fighter Establishment.

In 1964 Millington was put in charge of the RAF in the Persian Gulf. With memories of the Kuwait crisis still fresh, the RAF was under orders to keep a high profile in the region. There was considerable tension, with Iraqi forces in evidence along the Kuwait border early in Millington's tenure of command.

There were continual rebellions in Oman, too, and the Hunters and Canberras of Millington's force were kept busy flying patrols. With his previous desert experience Millington was well-equipped to understand the technical problems of keeping his aircraft operational in the intense heat.

In 1968, after his retirement from the RAF, Millington was sent to Zambia to be Air Commander of the Zambian Air Force. In spite of its title this was an advisory post. There was still nervousness about the possibility of Rhodesian military action against Zambia in the wake of UDI, two years before, and Millington's task was to reassure President Kaunda about air defence matters.

He performed a similar function as Air Defence Adviser to the Singapore Air Defence Command, from 1970 to 1972. From 1972 he was in business in Singapore, selling defence equipment.

Millington was a comprehensively-equipped pilot, endowed with skill and courage. He was also a fine leader.

He leaves his widow, Anne, and a daughter.

SIR JOSEPH HUTCHINSON

Sir Joseph Hutchinson, CMG, FRS, distinguished for his work on the genetics and evolution of crop-plants, particularly cotton, died on January 16. He was 85. The Northamptonshire farm on which he grew up implanted a practical interest which helped to orientate all his scientific work.

Joseph Burtt Hutchinson was born on March 21, 1902. From Bootham, he graduated in Natural Sciences at St John's College, Cambridge. He then spent a year on plant breeding at the School of Agriculture, and a further year on tropical agriculture at the Imperial College, Trinidad.

The Empire Cotton Growing Corporation then made him assistant geneticist at their Trinidad station; and, while there, he married, in 1930, Martha Leonora Johnson.

In 1933 he went to the Institute of Plant Industry, at Indore, India, where, in an unfamiliar climate, he studied his beloved cotton, and, with an abundance of the local crop to hand, also examined the cytological differences between Old World and New World species. Meanwhile the Quaker in him was moved by the lot of the peasant farmer.

Returning to the Corporation in Trinidad, in 1937, he continued with his genetic studies; lectured at the Imperial College; and was adviser on cotton to the British Caribbean governments.

When it was felt that the Corporation had put cotton growing on a sound scientific footing, the station was closed down, in 1944. Attention then turned to Africa where a 2,000-acre site was acquired at Namulonge, in Uganda, and a new station opened there — a project in which Hutchinson and a colleague, F. R. Parnell, were closely involved.

Parnell remained in Uganda to get the new station off the ground, while Hutchinson toured the African cotton growing areas, helping to co-ordinate the work.

Then, in a temporary posting to the Sudan, to which the cotton genetics and type collection had been transferred because of the favourable climate, Hutchinson widely explored the genes affecting the commercial and agricultural characteristics of cotton and the possibilities of variety and species hybridisation. The results had a formative influence on cotton breeding and genetics.

Namulonge, of which Hutchinson became director in 1949, could be run only on modern farming lines with mechanisation, fertilisers, a crop rotation, grass leys, and milk production (for staff families). Resisting the temptation to do specific experiments on these, he decided to feel his way into them and into the local environment simply by trying to farm.

The station soon made marked advances in crop physiology, particularly water relations and yield analysis, characterisation of rainfall pattern, soil nutrients, and early stage assessment of spinning characteristics of cotton fibre. Plant breeding brought great practical benefits.

Hutchinson also did much, extramurally, for Makerere (the University College of East Africa), for the East African Agriculture and Forestry Organization, and for the excellent teaching in agriculture-cum-nutrition evolved at the Gayaza High School for Girls.

In 1957 he was elected to the chair in agriculture at Cambridge. He was a gifted lecturer and an inspiring leader of research.

Scientifically, Hutchinson's "Evolution of Gossypium and the Differentiation of the Cultivated Cottons", and a long succession of papers in scientific journals, stand impressively in the field of cotton genetics

In 1969/70, he returned to India as a visiting professor at the Indian Agricultural Research Institute. This once again led him to consider agriculture's place in society, thoughts which he expounded in *Farming and Food Supply: the Interdependence of Town and Country* (1972) — a small volume but one which stands out in the extensive literature on the world food problem.

Hutchinson was a man of deep, simple, religious convictions from which sprang his unfailing good will and helpfulness. Small, informal social gatherings were much to his liking, and he and his wife made their home a most pleasurable meeting place.

There was one daughter and one son of the marriage.

MR PERCY QOBOZA

Mr Percy Qoboza, South Africa's most prominent black journalist, died in Johannesburg on January 17, on his fiftieth birthday.

As editor of *The World*, the country's largest circulation black daily, he infuriated the South African government by speaking out on controversial issues and publishing interviews with opponents of apartheid — a marked contrast to the newspaper's tone before his arrival.

Qoboza was harsh in his criticism of Pretoria's crackdown in the Soweto townships after the student riots there in 1976 and the death, in detention, of Steve Biko. In the next year the government announced draconian measures against black newspapers, organizations and leaders in an attempt to crush what had become known as the black consciousness movement.

Qoboza and *The World*, which he had edited since 1974, were among the casualties: he was gaoled and the newspaper banned. There followed an international outcry and he was released six months later, without having been charged.

He was soon in an editor's chair once again, this time of the Transvaal editions of *Post* and *Sunday Post*, which took over much of the readership of *The World* and retained many of its features.

In 1980, when the papers were off the streets as a result of a black media workers' strike, Qoboza went to the United States and to the newly-created post of editor-in-residence of the *Washington Star*. In 1981, in a telegram from Washington, he announced his resignation from *Post* and *Sunday Post* both of which had since closed because, as a result of the strike, they had failed to publish at least once-a-month and their registration had, under South African law, lapsed.

Qoboza had trained for the Roman Catholic priesthood, but he did not take holy orders. He entered journalism in 1963 as a junior reporter on *The World*. Outside South Africa, he was much admired by newspapermen, and in 1978 was awarded the International Federation of Newspaper Publishers' golden pen of freedom.

He was as ready to attack black corruption and killings in the townships as he was to attack the government — but it was towards the latter that the greater part of his wrath was directed.

At the time of his death he had been, since 1985, editor of the weekly *City Press*, in whose columns government criticism continued unabated — particularly in his own column, "Percy's Pitch".

During the 1970s he spent a time at Harvard as a Niemann Fellow, and he thereafter cherished his Harvard connections. He was an engaging man with a relaxed way about him.

MR MAHDI al-HAKIM

Mr Mahdi al-Hakim, who was assassinated by gunmen in Khartoum on January 17, was a prominent Iraqi opposition leader and cleric who had been based in London for the past six years. He was 53. As many as seventeen members of his family are reported to have been executed in Iraq since 1983.

His father, the late Ayatollah Mohsen al-Hakim, was one of the "grand" ayatollahs, or "sources of immitation", of the Shia branch of Islam. His younger brother, Hojatoleslam Mohammad-Baqer al-Hakim, is the leader of the Tehran-based supreme assembly of the Islamic revolution of Iraq.

After receiving a traditional clerical education at his father's seat in the shrine city of Najaf, and shortly after the Bathist take-over of the country, Hakim left Iraq in 1969, fearing persecution. Before settling in Britain, he lived in a number of Middle Eastern countries.

In London, he led the congregation of a Shia mosque in the west of the city, where, on special occasions, his sermons attracted as many as 500 worshippers. Officially, he represented Grand Ayatollah Abolqassem Khoii, the most apolitical or "quietist" of the half-dozen grand ayatollahs, and who continues to live in Iraq despite being of Iranian origin.

In his politics, however, Hakim pushed the revolutionary line advocated by Ayatollah Khomeini, and, in pursuit of this end, frequently visited Islamic countries.

His Most Eminent Highness Fra Angelo De Mojana di Cologna, the seventy-seventh Prince and Grand Master of the Sovereign Military Order of St John of Jerusalem, Rhodes and Malta (the Knights of Malta), died in Rome on January 17. He was 82. He was appointed to the post by Pope John XXIII in 1962.

His election put the final seal on the end of a lengthy quarrel between the order and the Vatican. Fra Angelo took a leading part in the drafting of a new constitution which received Papal approval.

In 1968 he was the first head of the order to return in state to Malta since the knights were ejected by Napoleon 170 years earlier. In keeping with the order's principal work in the field of medicine, he inaugurated a new blood bank.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

How great is the grace of God, which he has given to us in such large measure!
Ephesians 1 : 7

BIRTHS

ALLINSON - On January 12th, at Queen Charlotte's, to Anne (née Oxley) and Stephen, a son, Nicholas Andrew.

BLACKMAN - On January 15th, to Fern (née Deller) and David, a daughter, Charlotte Brooke.

CHANTERE - On January 16th, to Sarah (née Williams) and Peter a daughter Eleanor Alice.

del BALZO di PRESENZANO - On January 16th 1988, to Louise and Ludovico, a daughter Francesca.

HAIG - On January 17th, to Catherine and Peter, a son.

MARTIN - On January 15th, to Sarah (née Moffett) and Tim, a son Charles Murray, a brother for Alexander.

McCORRIE - On January 16th 1988, at All Saints' Hospital, Chatham, to Beverley (née Costin) and Clive, a daughter, Helen Susan Alison.

PAGE - On January 8th, to Paula (née Evans) and Richard, a daughter Eraills Sarah.

PARKES - On January 14th, at Winchester, to Jenny and Roger, a daughter Katherine, a sister for William and Mary.

PITCHER - On January 14th, to Tiziana (née Gaffanti) and James, a daughter, Victoria Leighton.

SEYMOUR - On January 14th 1988, at Greenwich District Hospital to Ann (née Moseley) and William, a daughter, Charlotte Louisa Alexandra, sister to Carl and Catherine.

UDDIN - On Thursday January 14th, at Dulwich Hospital, to Rosalind (née Gallagher) and Arif, a daughter, Reanna, a sister for Adam.

WEATHERLEY - On January 14th, to Anne (née Beciersiegge) and Roger, a son, Andrew Philip John.

WILSON - On January 17th, to Penny (née Turner) and Andrew, a daughter, Jemima Mary.

WRIGHTANLEY - On January 14th 1988, at Hereford County Hospital, to Nicola (née Day) and Andrew, a son, Mark Christopher, a brother for Palmer and Peter.

WOODMAN - On January 16th, to Jill (née Chalmers) and Richard, a daughter, Sophie Claire, a sister for Laura.

DEATHS

ADAM - On January 17th 1988, peacefully at The Royal Victoria Hospital, Edinburgh, Barbara Eunice (née Marlowtin), widow of Captain Charles Keith Adam of Blair Adam D.S.O., R.N. and mother of Jane, Clementina (C.C.). Keith and Rita. Beloved mother and grandmother. Service at Cleish Parish Church, Kinross-shire on Friday January 22nd at 3pm, all welcome.

ATKINSON - On January 14th, at Horton Hospital, Banbury, Oxon, Reginald Graham C.B.E., Ph.D., of Hook Norton. Funeral service at St Peters Church, Hook Norton on January 21st at 11.30 am followed by interment. Family flowers only, donations if desired for the restoration of St Peters Church, Hook Norton may be sent to Sole Bros Ltd, Albion St, Chipping Norton, Oxon.

BARTLETT - On January 15th, peacefully at her home, High Littleton, near Bristol, Dr. Jane Champernowne (née Williams), aged 87 years.

CONOLLY - On January 11th 1988, suddenly at St Stephens Hospital, Fulham, Dr. Violet O.B.E. Deeply regretted by her brother Tommy, sisters Carmel, Ann, Sheila and Lillian. Brother and sister in law, nephews, nieces, relatives and friends. Rest in Peace. Removal to The Church of Our Lady of Dolours, 264 Fulham Road, London SW10, (Almost opposite St Stephens Hospital). Arriving at 7.00pm on Thursday 21st January. Funeral on Friday 22nd January after Requiem Mass at 10.00am. Cremation private. A memorial mass will be celebrated at Star of the Sea Church, Sandy Mount, Dublin, On Tuesday 26th January at 11.00am.

COWAN - On January 11th 1988, in London, peacefully in her sleep, Helen (Nell) May Isobel, in her 92nd year. The beloved wife of the late Alexander Comrie Cowan and much loved mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Funeral private at her request.

ENDERBY - On January 18th 1988, suddenly at St. Mary's Hospital, Portsmouth, Charles John. Dearly beloved husband of Phyl, dear father of Michael, much loved by daughters-in-law Sally, grand-daughters Stephanie, Victoria, Melissa and by his sister Elsie Northcott. Funeral at St. Thomas A- Becket Church, Warblington, Havant, Tuesday 26th January at 2.30 pm. Flowers to W. Wraight & Son, Emsworth, Hants (tel Emsworth 372265).

FENNER - On January 16th, Juliet (née Dannatt) peacefully at Pilgrims Hospice. A dear and loving wife to Graham, and a kind and gentle mother to Louise and James. Service at St Mary's Church, Eastry at 12 noon on Thursday 21st January, followed by private burial. Family flowers only but donations if desired to Pilgrims Hospice, London Road, Canterbury, Kent or Dorothy Kerrin Trust Burrswood, Groombridge, Tunbridge Wells, Kent. "In everything God works for. Good with those who love him".

FORD - On January 15th, at home in Chagford, Devon, Stanley Edgcumbe Hone Ford M.C. late of Binnie and Partners, London and Hong Kong. Beloved husband of Sheila and dearly loved father of Joanna, Timothy and Simon. Funeral Service at Holy Trinity Church, Oldleigh, Devon Friday January 22nd at 2pm. Enquiries to Maddaford and Son, Funeral Directors 42 The Square Chagford (064-73) 3537.

FRAMPTON - On January 15th 1988, George in his 90th year, of Tickhill, Nr Doncaster. Dearly loved husband of the late Eileen and father of Winifred and the late Dr Avril. Service at Rose Hill Crematorium, Doncaster, Monday, January 25th at 12 noon. Family flowers only.

GILBERT - On January 11th, at Abinger, George (Rufus) M.B.E. Funeral at St Barnabas, Ranmore on 22nd January at 12 noon. Flowers to Sherlocks of Dorking.

GUTTERIDGE - On January 9th, after a long illness, in his 83rd year, Arthur George Henry, widower of Grace Mavis (née Marsland), dearly loved by Ann and his family.

HARVEY - On January 11th, after a short illness in a London Hospital, Mary (née Gibson). Funeral service to be held at St Stephen's Church, Gloucester Rd, South Kensington on Friday 22nd January at 11.00 am, followed by cremation at Mortlake Crematorium at 12.30 pm. All enquiries and flowers to W.H. Wigley and Sons, 108 Northcote Rd, London SW11 6QP. Tel: 01-223 1786.

HERSHMAN - On January 16th, at the Royal Sussex County Hospital, following a short illness, Pat, widow of the late Claude Hershmah.

HOARE - On January 16th, suddenly and peacefully at his home, Southington, Nigel Walter aged 85, loving and beloved husband, father and grandfather. Funeral at 2.30pm on Friday January 22nd at St Mary's Church, Overton, Hants. No Flowers please. Donations if desired to The Equipment Fund, The Surgery, Overton, Basingstoke, Hants.

HOBBS - On January 14th, peacefully at St. David's Hospital, Carmarthen, Dyfed, Heather, wife of the late Lt. Col. John Home and formerly of Peter Lyne. Mother of Barry, Elizabeth, Anthony and of the late Anne Lyne. Funeral 20th January, Parcgwyn Crematorium, Narberth, Dyfed at 2 pm. Family flowers only. Donations to St. David's Hospital accepted by Funeral Director Byron Jones, Cwm Afon, Pentre Court, Llandyssul, Dyfed.

KENWORTHY - On Friday 15th January, at the Royal South Hants Hospital, John Wyndham Kenworthy D.S.M. Funeral service at 2.30pm on Thursday January 21st at Boldre Church, near Lymington, Hants. Enquiries to Diamond & Son F.D., Lymington. Tel 0590 72060.

KNOX - On January 17th, in hospital, after a long illness borne with much fortitude, John Knox, M.B.E., aged 77, of Langton Manor, Scotton, near Knaresborough. Dearly loved husband of Dorothy, father of Miranda and John and grand father of Rosalind, Katherine, Olivia, Sarah and John. Cremation private. Thanksgiving Service to be held on Thursday 28th January, 2 pm at St. Oswald's Church, Farnham, near Knaresborough. No flowers but donations, if desired, to Yorkshire Cancer Research, 39 East Parade, Harrogate.

LEONARD - On January 6th 1988, at Builth Wells Cottage Hospital, Kathleen, of Slade, Oxwich, near Swansea. Much missed by her family and all who her knew her. Memorial Service at Oxwich Church Saturday 30th January at 2.30pm.

LITTLEJOHNS - On January 13, peacefully in hospital at Nottingham, William Norris, husband of Lorna and father of Sally and Geoffrey.

LLOYD - On January 15th 1988, peacefully at home after an illness borne uncomplainingly. Faith (Lee Gilbertson), of Beacon Cottage, Trelech, Monmouth. Funeral Eucharist at Trelech Church at 1.30pm, Wednesday January 20th followed by private cremation. No flowers. Donations if desired to Lasan College, Belfast (For integrated education in Northern Ireland) c/o Meredith & Sons, 0600. 5195.

MacDERMOTT - On January 16th 1988, at The Sons Secours Hospital, Cork, Hugh, beloved husband of Joan, Cliff Cottage, Cobh, Ireland, and dear father of Suzanne and Rachel. Sadly missed by his loving wife and family, brothers Brian and Myles, sisters Jill, Deidre, Patricia and Ann, relatives and friends. May he rest in peace.

MACRAE - On January 16th 1988, peacefully in hospital at St Annes on Sea, Frank O.B.E., (late of Sale, Cheshire) husband of Ada, father of Pat, grandfather of Ian, Jan, and Peter, and a great grandfather. Cremation at Park Crematorium, Lytham, St. Annes on Thursday January 21st 1988 at 2.30pm. No flowers by request please, donations in lieu if sole desired to Cancer Research, C/o Mrs Barber, 30 Westby Street, Lytham, Lancs. Enquiries to Co-Operative Funeral Service, Tel 0253 725795.

OLDLAND - On January 16th, Victor Urry B.A., in his 89th year, peacefully at home. Much loved husband of Marjorie, and father of Michael, Lois and Diana. Funeral Service at St. Mary's Parish Church, Silchester on Wednesday January 20th 1988, at 10.45am.

OXFORD - On January 16th 1988, in Torrington, Devon, Emily (Sadie), Countess of Oxford, widow of the 8th and last Earl of Oxford who passed on September 1951 and the 3rd daughter of the Rev and Mrs T H R Oakes, born December 1891, mother of Anne Sophia Palmer, grandmother of John and Anthony and great grandmother to their 5 children. Funeral service at Wickmere Parish Church, Norfolk on Friday January 22nd at 2.00pm.

PARKINSON - On Saturday January 16th 1988, peacefully in hospital after a long illness, Robert (Robin) Young, aged 79 years, the dearly loved husband of Lynn, of Lynmoor, Waddington Road, Clitheroe. Loving father of Betty and Jean. Also a much-loved father-in-law, Grandpa and Great Grandpa. Funeral service and Cremation will be held at Pleasington Crematorium, Blackburn at 1.30 pm on Wednesday January 20th. No flowers by request but donations if so desired to be divided between the Clitheroe Heart Machine Fund and East Lancashire Scanner Appeal Fund, c/o Calverley's Funeral Service, Chatburn Road, Clitheroe. BB7 2AB. All enquiries to the above-mentioned Funeral Service. Tel: Clitheroe. (0200) 25297.

PARR - On January 14th 1988, suddenly after a short illness, at the Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, Argyll, Esmé Parr, of Kilmichael Glen, in her 74th year. Beloved Aunt of Jennifer and Lesley.

POWELL - On January 18th, suddenly, Rita Glanville, youngest daughter of the late Frank and Kate Harvey, beloved wife of Roger Powell of Frocfield GU32 1EB.

RADCLIFFE - On January 16th, peacefully, Richard Percy Radcliffe, of Southover, Usk, Gwent, beloved husband of Clarice Mary and dearly loved step-father of Caryl and Wendy, and grandchildren Giles, Gabrielle and Rhiannon. Cremation at 3pm on Thursday January 21st, preceded by a short service at Llanbadoc Church at 2pm. Regular congregation and family only. Memorial Service to be arranged later.

ROOKER ROBERTS - On January 16th 1988, suddenly and peacefully at home, Arthur Edward, aged 80, beloved husband of Ann, Master of Belmont 1937 to 1965, much loved by his children, grandchildren and sisters. Private cremation, by his wish, no flowers, but donations if desired to Belmont School, Mill Hill, London NW7 4ED or The British Heart Foundation, 1 Market Street, Saffron Walden, Essex.

SHAND - On January 18th, Henriette, suddenly at home in Stogumy Huntley, much loved wife of Murray. Cremation at Salisbury on Wednesday January 20th at 4.30 pm. No flowers or letters please.

TOMLIN - On Saturday January 16th, peacefully, in Trinity Hospice, Clapham, Eric Walter Frederick, aged 74, beloved husband of Judith, brother of Esther and father of Walter. Funeral service at the Church of St Mary-le-tun and St John the Baptist, Morwenstow, Cornwall, at 2.30pm on Friday January 22nd. Flowers, or if preferred donations to Cancer Research Campaign, c/o Arthur W. Bryant, Funeral Director, St Faith's, Morwenstow. Requiem Mass at St Stephen's, Gloucester Road, London SW7, at 3pm on Thursday. February 25th. All friends welcome at both services.

VERITY - On January 13th 1988, Reverend Harry William Verity of Granichester Street, Newnham, aged 67 years. Funeral Service at Saint Mark's Church Barton Rd, Cambridge, on Friday January 22nd at 12 noon. Followed by committal at Cambridge Crematorium. No flowers by request, donations to Christian Aid would be appreciated.

von MARENTREU - On January 6th, peacefully at home, after much suffering, Marion Coutts, beloved wife of Richard and much loved mother of Wendy and grandmother of Tessa and Victoria. The Funeral has taken place.

WATSON LEE - On January 16th 1988, in a London Clinic, Reginald (Rex), M.B.E., aged 68 years. Beloved husband of Pamela, much loved father of Mark and Peter, father-in-law of Carolyn and Anne, proud grand father of Tephee and Jonnie. Cremation at Whitehawk Crematorium at 10.30 am, followed by a Thanksgiving Service at Holy Trinity Church, Bembridge, Isle of Wight at 2 pm on Friday 22nd January. Family flowers only but, if desired, donations to The British Heart Foundation, c/o H.V. Taylor & Son Ltd, 45 Green Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

WEBB - On January 16th 1988, Jessie Hilda, of Southborough Tunbridge Wells, Aged 90.

WYKE SMITH - On January 15th 1988, at King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst, after a distressing illness bravely borne, Peter, darling husband of Margaret for 44 years and dearly loved father of Stephanie. Thanksgiving service at St. Pauls Church, Knightsbridge, on Friday January 22nd. Family flowers only but donations to Motor Neurone Disease Association, 38 Hazelwood Road, Northampton NN1 1LN.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

HORNBY - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Sir Antony Hornby will be held at the Grosvenor Chapel, South Audley St. Today at 11.30 am.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

TOWLER Eric William C.B.E. The family of the late Eric Towler would like to express their appreciation and thanks to all who attended the Thanksgiving Services and donated so generously to his memory to The Somerset Abbeyfield Extra Care Home and the R.A.B.I.

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Forty years on, two old men added a postscript: the Bikinian chief told how the first American to land claimed to be the most powerful man in the world: and a sometime USN rating described being ordered onto the target ships within hours of the second atomic bomb. The former is still waiting to be allowed home to die: the latter is already dead.

Not the least remarkable image of this documentary collage was that of a jolly tar mugging away while a Geiger counter fizzed and crackled over his uniform. The killer punch was kept until the end, when the camera pulled back from the second interviewee's face to show his wheelchair, his lack of legs, his left hand puffed up like a pantomime giant's. The awesome beauty of the explosions — not even Busby Berkeley could have managed it better — finally found its human counterpoint.

A wayward, ultimately footling *Horizon* (BBC2) revealed that scientists researching the hereditary aspect of manic-depressive disorders believe they may have isolated the gene responsible, at the tip of chromosome 11. Science was then jettisoned in favour of human interest, with Churchill, Schumann and Robert Lowell (but not, oddly, Coleridge) being adduced as the links between genius and madness.

The good news is that manic depression may be beneficial. A survey shows that more than 50 per cent of British poets suffer from the condition. Well, well.

In a dancehall somewhere in America, a venerable blues singer rasped: "Mah momma *haddem/Now Ah goddem too"* — thus proving the blue-genes *theory to the satisfaction of a* sagely nodding shrink. But even this was preferable to the sight of one of his colleagues vomiting jargon in order to express banalities.

Chromosome 11, where are you?

Martin Cropper

Intimations of immortality

GALLERIES

Young Turner: Early work to 1800
Tate Gallery

Andrew Mansfield
Anthony Reynolds Gallery

Hunter Collection of 20th century Masters
Courtauld Institute Galleries



Strict rules clash with unruly pantheism: *Caernarvon Castle, North Wales*, 1799-1800 (detail), an early work by J.M.W. Turner, which is on show at the Tate Gallery until March 20

At the Tate until March 20, **Young Turner** is a delightful but half-hearted ruse. It is the first of a series of small exhibitions aimed to entice people back to assess Turner's work, now that the furore over the architecture of the Clore Gallery has died down.

The exhibition, like the permanent display, is a bold selection from Turner's mountainous *oeuvre*, bravely attempting to give an impression of the artist's ambition and range. Even this partial and highly belated honouring of Turner's will makes the gaping unevenness of the work virtually impossible to hide.

Ironically there are marginally fewer examples of heavy handed draughtsmanship in the output chosen from the 1790s than in the later work. Figures are only to be seen in the diminutive form which Bonington adopted later so successfully and Sandby amongst others had used before. In the dim sanctum of the Watercolour Room there is a steady diet of landscapes, interrupted by the occasional architectural drawing, and it is possible to forget the blaze of indignation against the lack of grandeur in setting and the anaemic colour of the gallery walls.

Some very ordinary work, like the "Interior of Christ Church and A Mountain View" (thought to be Cader Idris) in the Hereford Court Sketchbook, may topple Turner from his place amongst the gods, but the exhibition does emphasize his precocious rise. He was an Associate Member of the Royal Academy at the age of 23. Before the turn of the century and his 26th year he had been employed by some of the most discerning patrons of the day and there are commissioned scenes of Fonthill Abbey, Harewood and Stourhead to prove it.

Though he was primarily working in watercolours, he was open to diverse influences. The Welsh pictures indicate the promise of the years to come. "Caernarvon Castle, North Wales 1799-1800" reveals a healthy clash between the strict European rules of landscape painting, as expressed by Claude, and unruly nationalistic pantheism. He entwines this around Edward I's battles against the Welsh. In "Looking down a deep valley towards Snowdon, with an army on the march 1799-1800" the phalanxes of soldiers enter the painting but, as in Altdorfer's battle scenes, men's quarrels are totally dwarfed by the magnificence of nature. Though the colours on this faded and damaged watercolour are muted, there are clear signs of the future swirling grandeur.

Considerable claims have been made for the young English painter **Andrew Mansfield** (at the Anthony Reynolds Gallery, 37 Cowper Street, EC2 until February 7). In his present series of night skies he escapes from the label of "landscape painter", which he always rejected, to find the ideal space for posing questions. The random scattering of stars also emphasizes his links with Jackson Pollock and other American painters.

He has Guston's awkwardness. In several of his recent paintings he has mixed strips of night sky with crude rough, scientific signs. He appears to be searching for equations and solutions of grand simplicity in the manner of the metaphysical poets and other mathematicians and philosophers of the 16th and 17th century.

Though his most majestic images like "Putkovo" (named after the Russian observatory), do stick in the memory, he has not satisfactorily brought the ideas and execution together. He attempts to give a sense of perspective with rows of Lilliputian lights along the bottom of the canvas, but this exaggerates the cheap science fiction element rather than inducing contemplation. The mind is caught by the haunting imagery, but there is not enough there to set it free.

The main interest of the **Hunter Collection** (on view at the Courtauld until May 3) is as a reflection of the "taste" of post-war Britain. Most of Alastair Hunter's key purchases bequeathed to the Courtauld were made in the five or six years immediately after the World War Two or in the ten years preceding his death in 1983. He was a distinguished Harley Street doctor and buyer for the Contemporary Art Society. As a collector he should not be judged merely by the Courtauld paintings, as several of the most important paintings were given to the Fitzwilliam including Picasso's "Bust of a Woman", 1910.

With the exception of a couple of Picasso etchings and a few other minor pieces, the Hunter Collection at the Courtauld is devoted to British artists. Set alongside one of Britain's greatest collections of Modern art, this exhibition could have been planned to reaffirm Roger Fry's lament on English art: "Let us recognize straight away that ours is a minor school." There is no escaping the repetitiveness of the Ivon Hitchens and dreariness of the Prunella Cloughs. Even the Ben Nicholson "Painting", from 1937, lacks vitality.

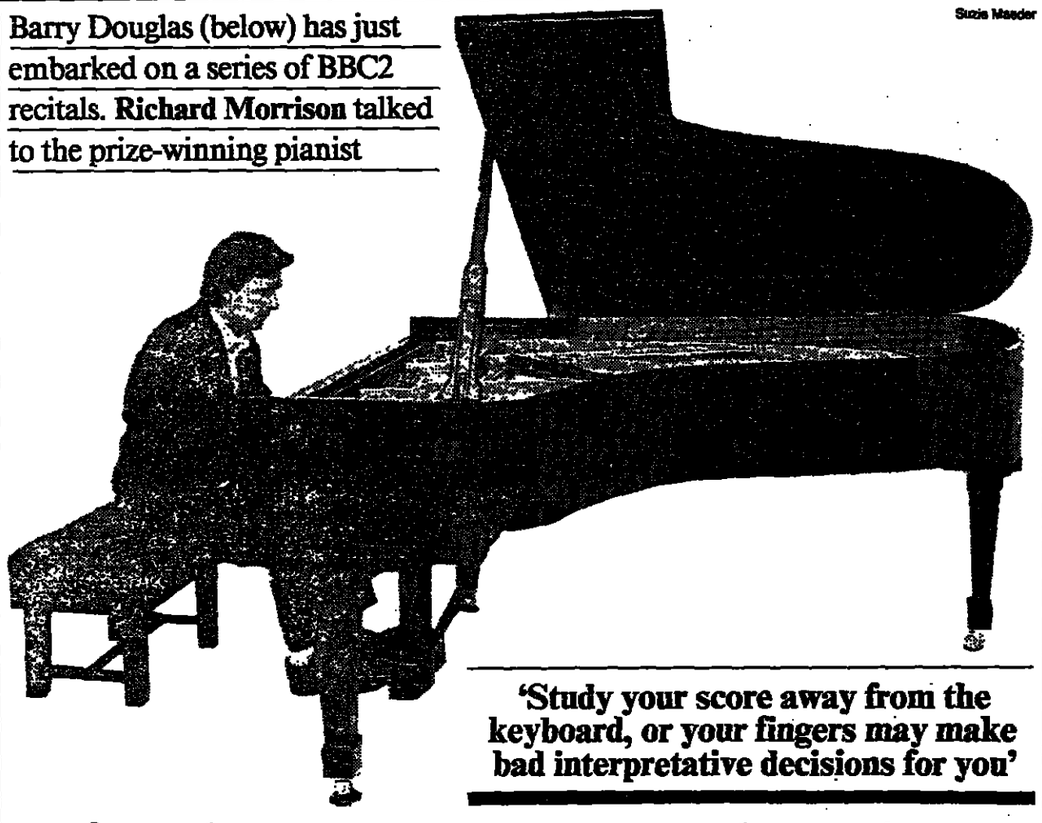
There are two fine examples of John Hoyland's work, but for all of its virtues, "Downland", 1978, with its sickly colours and application of paint, highlights the problems of one strand of British painting as it fought spasmodically to save itself from being totally derivative.

It is a seductive painting, but does not bear close scrutiny. At one point the canvas is badly contorted by the weight of paint. At times like these one can only resort to Fry's honesty.

Alastair Hicks

- One of the likely highlights of the current Celebration of British Music is the world premiere of Robert Saxton's *In the Beginning*, to take place at the Barbican Hall on January 31. Jeffrey Tate will conduct the LSO in a programme which includes Walton's Cello Concerto (soloist Yo Yo Ma) and Vaughan Williams's Pastoral Symphony.
- Simon Gray is to direct a new version of his play *The Common Pursuit*, with which he has recently enjoyed success in New York, at the Palace Theatre, Watford, March 3-26 and subsequently in the West End. Three young comic actors will take leading roles : Rik Mayall, John Sessions and Stephen Fry.

Barry Douglas (below) has just embarked on a series of BBC2 recitals. Richard Morrison talked to the prize-winning pianist



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Winning one of the big piano-playing competitions — the Tchaikovsky in Russia, the Van Cliburn in America, the Leeds in Britain — has certain unnerving similarities with winning the pools. You have come top in a lottery (you may, incidentally, be an excellent musician as well); you are an overnight celebrity; and you have the chance, if not to "spend, spend, spend", at least to play, play, play.

That is the greatest pitfall. Some competition winners, dazzled by the chance to pick up quick riches, play 150 or 200 concerts in a year — and are never heard of again. A list of winners over the last decade is not so much a "who's who" of the brightest young talent, usually more a question of "who he?".

Barry Douglas, the 27-year-old Ulsterman who in 1986 came from relative obscurity to win the Tchaikovsky Gold Medal (the first Westerner to win outright in Moscow since Van Cliburn himself), is aware of the dangers. Last year he played around 100 concerts and even that, he thinks, was too many. "I felt that if I went on like that, always playing the same works, I would go stale. The workload I accepted forced a lot of Russian and late-Romantic music on me.

"This year I've arranged the programmes so that there's always some variety. I intend to start putting in Berg, Webern and Schoenberg, and returning to Mozart and Bach — all the music I used to play but have ignored for the last two years."

Fortified by the sobering experience of having been knocked out in the first round in 1982, Douglas approached the 1986 competition in what is surely the right spirit. "The best way is not to worry about what sort of playing a jury is supposed to favour. Play the way you believe in, and if something happens it's great; if it doesn't, so what? It doesn't mean a thing."

Having won, however, Douglas says he was initially overwhelmed. "It was fun at first, watching five Japanese promoters battling it out to represent me. But I realize it has taken me a year to find my own rhythm of working again. It's a faster rhythm now, but at least I am back in the frame of mind I was in before the competition."

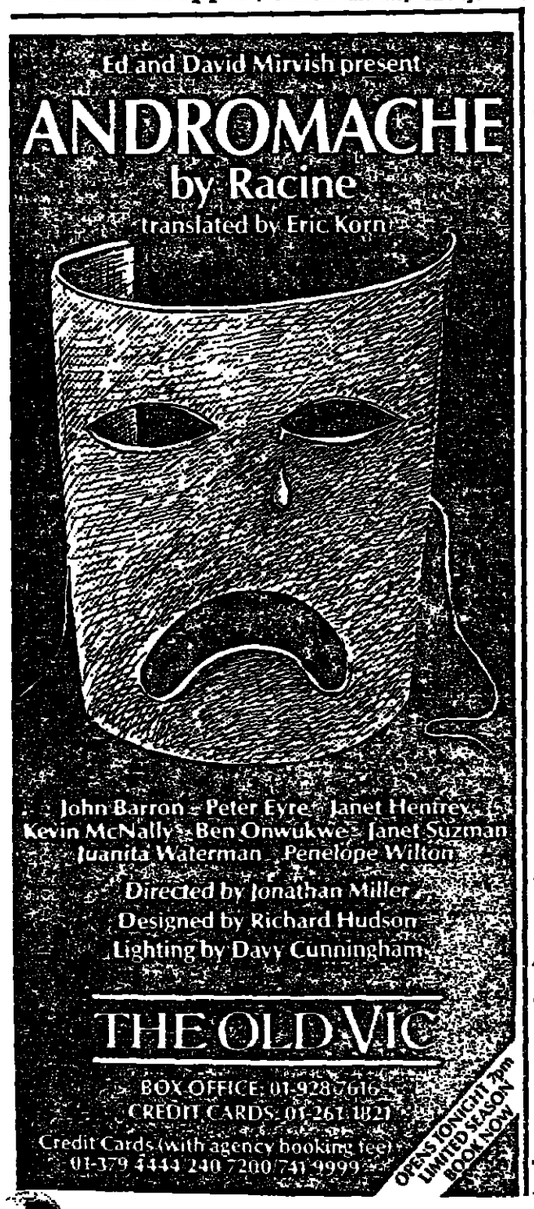
Overwhelmed or not, Douglas took one or two business decisions which showed (as his brilliantly muscular playing also does) that beneath the gentle Belfast burr and the diffident demeanour lies a determined personality, possibly toughened by the difficult years between leaving the Royal College of Music and winning in Moscow. Within days of his victory he had changed his agent (a move which unfortunately drew much comment in the musical press).

Soon after, despite some misgivings about being "packaged", he signed a contract with RCA. A recording of the Tchaikovsky First Piano Concerto, almost inevitably, has already been rushed out, along with Mussorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition*. Brahms's F minor Quintet was released last month, and the Beethoven "Hammerklavier" and Op 109 sonatas will follow.

There have been several TV documentaries (and a series of five televised piano recitals, currently being shown on BBC2 on Monday evenings), formidable periods of touring, and even a part (portraying himself) in the new John Schlesinger film *Madame Sousatzka*.

Where Douglas's talent came from is, he says, a mystery. "My parents were music-loving people, but they didn't play anything, and they were worried, rightly, about the whole music business." Possibly the fact that the 16-year-old Barry used to rise at six in the morning to practise, and filled the rest of his leisure time with playing cello and clarinet in Belfast youth orchestras and with conducting church choirs, convinced them that he was not destined for banking.

He still practises fanatically: "If I miss a single day's practice it is enough to make a difference to a concert — not so much that anyone else would notice, but enough to affect my own fulfilment." He also places great emphasis on studying scores away from the keyboard. "Otherwise your fingers will make interpretative decisions for you which may not be quite right. You should be certain of your artistic purpose, then work out how to do it."



Wasting time

ROCK

Heavy D & The Boyz
Astoria

Even advance ticket holders were not spared an hour-long queue to get in, well after the doors had opened at 11.15pm. It was past 2am when the roly-poly rapper, Heavy D, and his three lean Boyz eventually took the stage. By this time the thinning crowd had simply run out of the energy needed to respond to D's demands for the ladies in the house to shout "Whee!" and the men to grab the contents of their pockets and yell "Whoa-oh!".

Thus was the London debut by one of the smarter New York hip hop crews rendered into a dismal damp squib. The energetic dancing displays of G Whiz and Trouble T-Roy, the lightning cut-and-scratch antics of the DJ, Eddie F, and the deft doggerel declamations of the tubby MC, Heavy D, were all to no avail. After 25 minutes the foursome turned on its collective heel and walked off to a deadening lack of applause.

Which was a pity, given the pleasantly upbeat qualities displayed in the few numbers which they did perform. "Moneyearnin' Mount Vernon" was a resolute ode to their hometown district while "Mr Big Stuff" and "The Overweight Lover in the House" boasted a humorous touch rarely heard in the rapping of L.L. Cool J and all the other hard men of hip hop.

The event underlined how rap performance, which still retains so many of the trappings of spontaneous street theatre, depends for much of its success on the playful interaction between artist and audience. This has led to the spurious idea, more current among American artists than it is in this country, that the audience must work almost as hard as the band to make the event a success. In such a situation it seems especially unwise to herd people about, and then keep them waiting, to the point where they lose interest in what it was they came to see.

David Sinclair

Confident skill

CONCERT

Terra Nova
Purcell Room

This concert was like an unofficial extension of the Park Lane Group's Young Artists series just ended; the same venue, the same enterprise in the choice of music, the same youthful executants.

It might uncharitably be **argued that Terra Nova's name is a touch misleading, for apart from a brand new composition by Julian Johnson, *River*, here because it won the group's first Young Composers' Competition last autumn (I told you their choice of music was enterprising), the programme consisted, if not *exactly of old favourites, of* works by composers already well established.**

To begin with, there was Paul Patterson's *Crucovias Counterpoints*, Opus 38, already 10 years old. This remains one of Patterson's strongest works. Terra Nova's performance, confidently directed, as was the rest of the concert, by Neil Thomson, was as brilliant as it had to be in the outer movements, the 14 instruments tesiciously but hopelessly vying with each other for supremacy in the first, and taking their turns like true (British?) gentlemen in the last. In between, an uneasy yet static accord was effected through scrupulous attention to the balance of the mixed timbres.

As if to counterweight the naked drama of Patterson's work, the concert ended with Harrison Birtwistle's equally forceful *Carmen Arcadiae Mechanicae Perpetuum* of 1978, where, typically, a slice of time is taken and set in a new context.

Between these works the atmosphere was softened a little, first with Jonathan Harvey's atmospheric, well varied *Song Offerings*, which the soprano Rebecca Lodge sang (and spoke) with telling confidence. It must have been a real fillip for her — and the other musicians — to have Philip Langridge sing on the same bill.

His performance of Elizabeth Lutyens's *And Suddenly It's Evening* made the work sound like the mid-Sixties lyrical classic it is, and he also garnished Johnson's beautifully written and promising little work with some typically aristocratic singing.

Stephen Pettitt

DESKTOP PUBLISHING **FOCUS** A SPECIAL REPORT

How to be your own editor

Since the mechanics of the printing process were invented, something immovable has always stood between those who want to publish and those who want to read. The expertise to control such an exacting and usually urgent task as the production of printed pages naturally turned those who possessed it into members of a craft guild.

The constituency and prerogatives of these organizations were as important to the medieval stationer as they are today for the modern member of the National Graphical Association or his or her new equivalent, the computer systems manager.

Desktop publishing technology—DTP—is remarkable for many things, but its most significant virtue is that it destroys, once and for all, the *craft skills of the publishing* process.

It is no longer necessary to belong to a particular union or to possess a certain kind of typographic or technological aptitude to produce type and headlines to full professional standards.

This aspect of DTP has fundamental implications for everyone whose work involves the production of printed material, yet it is widely misunderstood and taken to mean that DTP actually reduces the level of experience required in publishing.

The truth, as many early DTP users have discovered, is the opposite. By destroying the bulk of the mechanical skills of publishing and transferring those that remain to the editorial, "intellectual" side of the process, DTP demands far more of those who use it than was ever required of individuals working in the tightly-demarcated methodologies of the conventional *printing production* cycle.

The successful user of DTP, whether he or she writes business reports, books or national newspapers, must often be writer, sub-editor, compositor and print-room manager rolled into one.

In an industry which traditionally obfuscates such matters as control and responsibility, this can be a worrying development for some, which is one reason the introduction of DTP has, to date, been piecemeal and unpredictable.



Computer technology has probably advanced printing more this decade than in the five centuries since Johann Gutenberg's time. Now, says a special correspondent, the skill is more accessible than ever

It can be hard to graft such revolutionary equipment and working methods on to existing organizations, and the end results, without proper planning, can be far less satisfactory than those gained through using conventional *techniques*.

Today on pages 31 to 34, a new section, Technology, expanding the horizons of our long-running Tuesday computer pages, looks at *discoveries that will* murder noise, and at industry's response to the DTI revolution

The computer business is oblivious to this kind of professional agonizing, however. It loves DTP, spends millions advertising and developing it each year, and looks forward to a day when virtually everyone is publishing something.

None of this enthusiasm was apparent two years ago when Apple, to much industry scorn, was busy pioneering DTP. To other manufacturers, it was an unproven entity which would probably turn out to be a quickly forotten fad, an attitude for which Apple must be deeply appreciative, since it gave the company the chance to forge a lead in the field which it still possesses today, and helped resore its diminishing market success.

It was the Apple Macintosh which first made DTP a possibility. Early Macs were under-powered and short on software, but they did have something revolutionary: a high-resolution screen which represented type and graphics almost exactly as they would print.

With a page make-up program, a headline, story or graphic could be moved around the page much as it could using a manual cut-and-paste process.

The second Apple innovation was a laser printer which could print standard industry typefaces to the precision normally associated with typesetting, though the laser resolution was only a quarter of most typesetters.

Nevertheless, for about 4p a page, the laser printer could be used as an alternative to traditional typesetting, and one which was a fraction of the price.

Today, many newsletters, small magazines and newspapers are produced in this way with little noticeable loss in quality for those publishers who have mastered the medium. Those who needed proper typesetting could simply proof on their laser, then have the master run off through a compatible typesetter by a typesetting bureau.

DTP restored Apple's failing financial fortunes and turned the Macintosh from a novelty machine into a much-coveted icon for creative professionals.

Today, the computer remains one of the most expensive on the market when most of its rivals are being discounted heavily, one sign of the company's continuing dominance of the DTP market.

A year after DTP was launched, it was apparent to rival companies that their inertia in the field was costing them money. *IBM* invested heavily in DTP development, eventually adopting PostScript, the same DTP language used by Apple, as its favoured solution. The popular make-up program PageMaker now runs on both Macintoshes and PC machines.



As prices for desktop publishing systems fall, graphics, such as the above, can be easily produced. The computer cannot replace the need for good design

The British manufacturer, *Apricot, was one of the first to* sell a DTP bundle of software, computer and printer, in its case a rebadged Apple LaserWriter, and recently Atari entered the market with a £2,500 bargain basement system.

The leader in the field of *professional publishing*, Quark XPress which runs on the Macintosh, now offers tiny increments in typesize and leading which would not normally be available through a typesetting front end, and can also crop, resize, and change the tone and contrast of photographs on screen.

It is designed for the top end *of the market, driving* PostScript-compatible typesetters such as the Linotronic 300 and 500 which start in price around the £42,000 mark; the software costs £695 and is one of the more expensive DTP packages available.

If the DTP pundits are *proved right*, most businesses will, in the 1990s, become their own publishers of office documents from brochures to expenses forms. Intelligent micros running top-range page makeup software will replace the big publishing systems in place today, and cheap systems will eventually spawn an outburst of community publishing to rival the scandal sheets of the 18th century.

Johann Gutenberg's first piece of metal type and Mergenthaler's earliest Linotype machine were separated by five centuries. The first slow and insubstantial version of PageMaker, limited to a few A4 pages, and the latest incarnation of XPress, which can produce newspaper pages up to 4ft square in size with pictures in place, appeared within two years of each other, and there is no sign that the pace of development is slacking.

Big help for small business

Desktop publishing has considerable potential for the small business community. It can help reduce costs and increase control for those who use print as an incidental part of their businesses, but it has also encouraged entrepreneurs to use DTP equipment as the focal point of their ventures.

Desktop publishing is especially cost-effective when documents and print runs are short. This makes it particularly attractive to a new kind of *miniature publishing* company, existing happily on jobs which larger companies find too small to be profitable.

One partner in such a micro-publishing venture might be a potential newsletter publisher, who aims to sell valuable information at a high price to a small and carefully-selected clientele.

His role would be to spend two days a week in the production of his weekly bulletin, writing and researching for the other three.

The expensive DTP equipment would be standing idle for those three days were it not for the other partner. He has small advertisements offering his services in professional writing and printing of curriculum vitae for the ambitious and upwardly-mobile.

Should the demand for their combined efforts exceed the ability of their equipment to cope, they could buy some more hardware and take up any slack by offering a service to typeset documents directly from computer floppy discs supplied by their customers.

Where no editorial input is necessary, the computer can be left effectively to its own devices, earning money without any great need for human intervention.

Further expansion could be *into any number of small-run* printing operations — menus for the local restaurants, price lists for the start-up mail order establishment next door, or by-election leaflets for local political parties.

Naturally, this hypothetical business has its own range of *self-generated stationery — in*voice forms, company letterhead, business cards and publicity material. The *artwork for its magazine adver*tising is written, designed and printed in-house, so that changes can be made quickly and cheaply.

The company accounts are computerized, using software that works on the same computer that runs the DTP bureau.

The printed word has always had a head start in credibility. All other things being equal, a professional-looking job will be taken more seriously than something that looks like the result of a kitchen-table operation.

Desktop publishing reduces the investment required to become a publisher but perhaps more importantly, in time and effort. Learning the fundamentals *of a typical DTP* setup takes a matter of weeks, and there are plenty of training services available.

Mastering the complexities of the traditional typesetting and printing industries takes months or years.

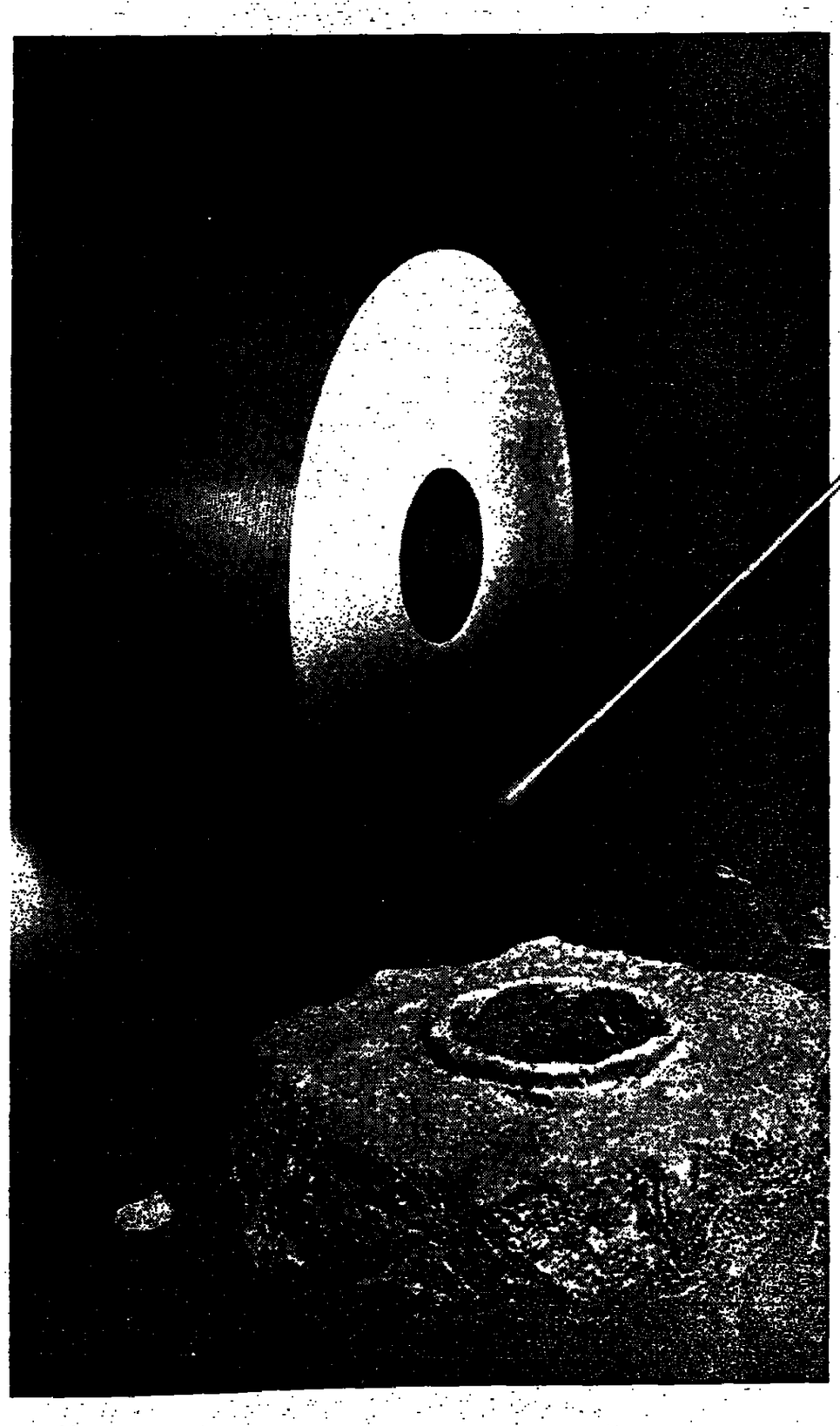
Now that it is so easy to become a publisher, there are two main brakes on the spread of specialized niche publishing operations. One is the imagination of the entrepreneurs who are setting them up.

Very small-scale publishing is a largely uncharted path. There are no role models to emulate, *and no comforting* statistics on the size of the untapped market. The other is the wariness of banks and other financial institutions for any new kind of venture, especially one which involves high technology.

In the absence of healthy precedents, it is difficult to convince backers of the chances that the business will succeed.

Predictably, the major marketing efforts from DTP equipment manufacturers have been towards the corporate markets which have provided the most profitable customers for other kinds of computing power. Perhaps in the long term they would do better to promote innovative applications for their wares.

Simon Craven

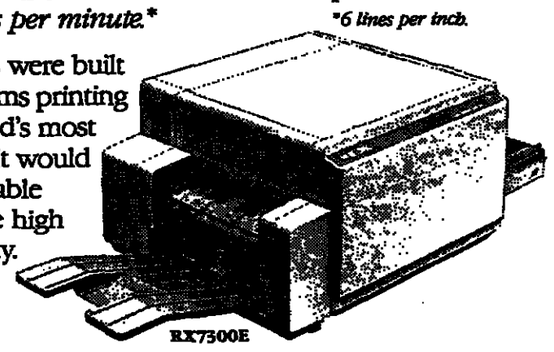


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DESKTOP PUBLISHING/2

FOCUS

Joys and dramas of a breakthrough

Colour magazines can be among the most expensive publications produced by the publishing industry, *writes a special correspondent*. The cost of designing pages and setting complex typography usually runs into thousands of pounds and can take many months before a single issue is printed.

High-level desktop publishing technology can change the budgets and time-scales of colour publications greatly, as a publisher discovered when asked to launch ComputerLand magazine, a European edition of a US title run for the ComputerLand network of computer stores.

From the outset, it was decided to use personal computers for writing and page make-up only if full professional quality could be guaranteed.

The end result, which was launched earlier this month, is a colour magazine typeset to the highest specifications, and betraying no sign that it was produced using micros.

The overheads tell a different story, however. Full typesetting costs per page were £8, compared with as much as £80 being paid by some companies that still use rekeyed typesetting and manual cut and paste.

Dummy pages were produced using laser printer output, which gives an accurate indication of the final result for only 4p a page. The main design considerations of the title were fixed during two weekends working to the laser printer, where normally they would take weeks of waiting for typesetting revisions to shuttle to and from outside houses.

The final pages of the 36-page first issue were designed, edited and typeset in the space of a week, bringing the total design and typesetting bill of the magazine to less than £350.

Produced conventionally, the setting costs alone would have been far greater, the process would have involved several more people and the time scale would have been quadrupled.

> The fewer hands involved, the more likely the errors

In order to ensure that typesetting was turned around quickly and accurately, a phone link was established with a specialist typesetting company 400 miles away in Liverpool which runs a 24-hour typesetting capture service. There, laser-proofed pages were output on a £50,000 typesetter with all copy, headlines and graphics in place, and with registration marks and spot-colour separations for the printer.

The bureau's experience of setting full pages from the Macintosh enabled the whole magazine to be turned around in a single day, the last pages going on a midnight train to Euston to be rushed to the printer the next morning. (Euston Red Star's inability to find clearly marked typesetting that day turned out to be the biggest technical difficulty.)

The experience converted several sceptics to DTP devotees. The publisher saw the title appear on deadline despite a tight schedule, and it was below production budget. The designer, who had little experience of working with computers, was able to play with A4 page schemes at full size on a new 19-in. colour monitor launched by SMS, an American company SMS, which enables spot-colour schemes to be judged to life, and shows digitized mono pictures as they are to appear.

A front-page photograph of Lord Young was retouched and set through the system.

Several lessons were learned while launching the magazine. One was that computers do not solve human problems. High-level DTP demands high-level skills. Good magazine journalists who had no knowledge of the Apple Macintosh system and software involved were of little use. Desktop publishing also tends to lead to a lack of proof-reading and tight typographic control which can show in the end product.

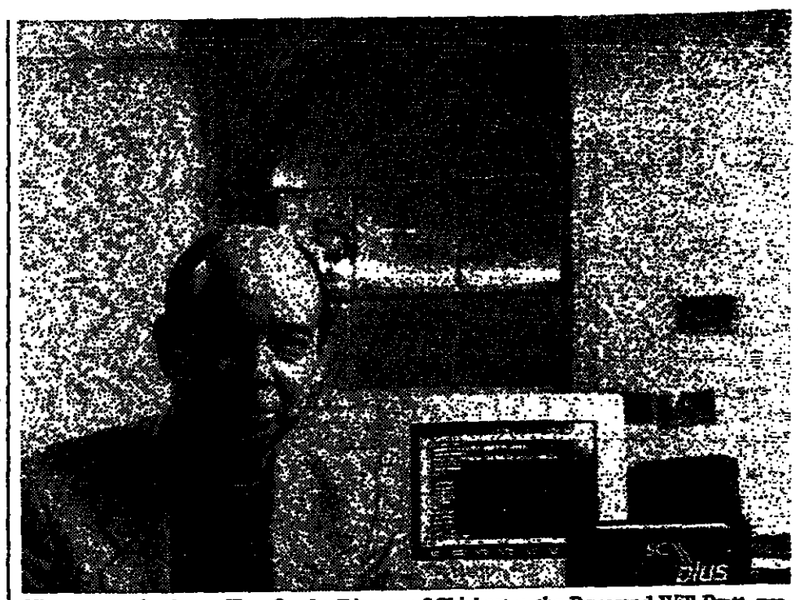
The fewer human hands involved in the race from manuscript to finished page, the more errors are likely to find their way into print. It requires a conscious effort on the part of an editorial team to print out proofs for reading — on trains, in quiet moments of the office, anywhere — just to see what pages will really look like.

Producing any publication using DTP equipment is a one-way trip; if you make it successfully, the return journey to conventional techniques is one to be contemplated only with the greatest reluctance.

There is still a long way to go in the professional publishing field to give editorial staff the typographic skills they need to take over fully from compositors. And in the UK, many designers and artists, unlike their counterparts in the US, consider computers a threat to their livelihood, not a new tool which should become as integral part as their pen box.

The number of professional publishing computer artists in Britain can be counted on two hands; in the US, and in France, they are part of a flourishing new profession.

But, these caveats apart, the lesson is that anyone who publishes some kind of printed material and ignores desktop publishing is overlooking technology which, implemented correctly, saves time and money.



The communications officer for the Diocese of Chichester, the Reverend Will Pratt, produces a newsletter and church magazine on his desktop publishing system

And The Word was by desktop

One of the most surprising aspects of desktop publishing is the range of people who end up having a use for the technology — not all of whom seem much to do with publishing *per se*.

Apple Computer, for example, has found its desktop publishing technology put to use in everything from the Coca-Cola art department to the Ministry of Defence.

At Coca-Cola, the company uses an Apple Macintosh desktop publishing system to reproduce electronically the intricate corporate logo for presentations and newsletters.

Says Coca-Cola's Northern European marketing information manager, Derek Fowler: "We do a tremendous number of graphic presentations in Great Britain. We also do a newsletter about marketing activities and we include our logo digitized at the top of the newsletter."

The Ministry of Defence uses its system to design a huge variety of government forms. The MoD uses 10,000 catalogue forms which are controlled and printed at one source, while some 200,000 other forms are used within various parts of the ministry.

The MoD has been trying to redesign clearer forms in the last few years with desktop publishing to do it. "Our forms can be anything from standard one-page forms, to booklets, to graph-checking pads, aircraft check sheets or safety stickers" explains the MoD's Ian Buckle.

Hewlett-Packard, whose Laserjet family of computer laser printers out-sells any other make of laser printer in the US and the UK, has recently started selling its own desktop publishing offering to complement the laser printer.

One recent new user of this system is the Rev Will Pratt, communications officer for the Diocese of Chichester. He produces the Chichester Diocese *Newsletter* on it and recently produced the first issue of a 24-page church magazine which he has launched as a commercial venture with advertising and a first issue print run of 10,000 issues.

Geof Wheelwright

Make a start at home

The recent appearance of much more powerful home computers has opened up the possibility of desktop publishing, even in the home, *writes Simon Craven*.

The IBM-compatible Amstrad range is an obvious choice for such work, as it can run the same software intended for professional use, but machines like the Atari ST and Commodore Amiga are even more suitable, with their more powerful processors and better screen displays.

Applications for domestic desktop publishing equipment may seem limited, but that has not prevented a number of software houses from introducing low-cost packages.

Image scanners are too expensive at present, as are laser printers.

Nevertheless, a surprisingly high quality of printed output can be achieved with the present generation of 24-pin dot matrix printers, which are now available for a few hundred pounds.

The main loss of performance associated with using a dot-matrix printer is its speed. Each page may take half an hour to print instead of a few seconds, but in a domestic context this is much more acceptable than it would be at work.

Slightly frivolous to work at home

Applications for DTP in the home are less obvious, but 10 years ago it would have seemed unlikely that home word processing would ever be a serious market.

Home DTP can be seen as an extension of word processing in this context. Many enthusiasts use DTP to produce their own personalized stationery, or to create unusual greeting cards.

The inability to generate colour artwork is a considerable brake on this kind of activity at present, but the next few years can be expected to bring colour even to low-cost DTP.

In fact, the domestic user may have an edge over his commercial counterpart in this respect, as colour dot-matrix printers are much less difficult to make than colour laser printers.

Home DTP tends to place a greater emphasis on graphics than the office variety, software often being supplied with libraries of clip art which can be incorporated into documents. This has given birth to an off-beat application in the shape of custom T-shirt production.

Changing the printer ribbon for a special type enables the user to make iron-on transfers of his favourite images.

Desktop publishing at home is a slightly frivolous affair, but then so are most home computer applications.

Colour can still be a costly problem

While desktop publishing can go a long way to providing greater control and power to computer users that want to produce their own publications, there are still technical limitations to desktop publishing which cannot be exceeded without great extra expense.

The ability to print documents in colour, for example, is a limitation. It will cost a lot — and that is only if you can find software that will properly deal with colour-printing systems.

At the moment, partial colour printing using a desktop computer can be achieved only through the use of relatively low-cost multi-coloured ribbons in modified dot matrix printers.

Another big concern of desktop publishers is how they will move photographs and diagrams from paper on to a computer screen and back again. In this, however, there has been greater success at miniaturization and cost reduction.

The devices used to move a photograph from paper on to the computer screen for incorporation into an electronic document is called a scanner, and a wide variety of companies now produce scanners for connection to personal computers.

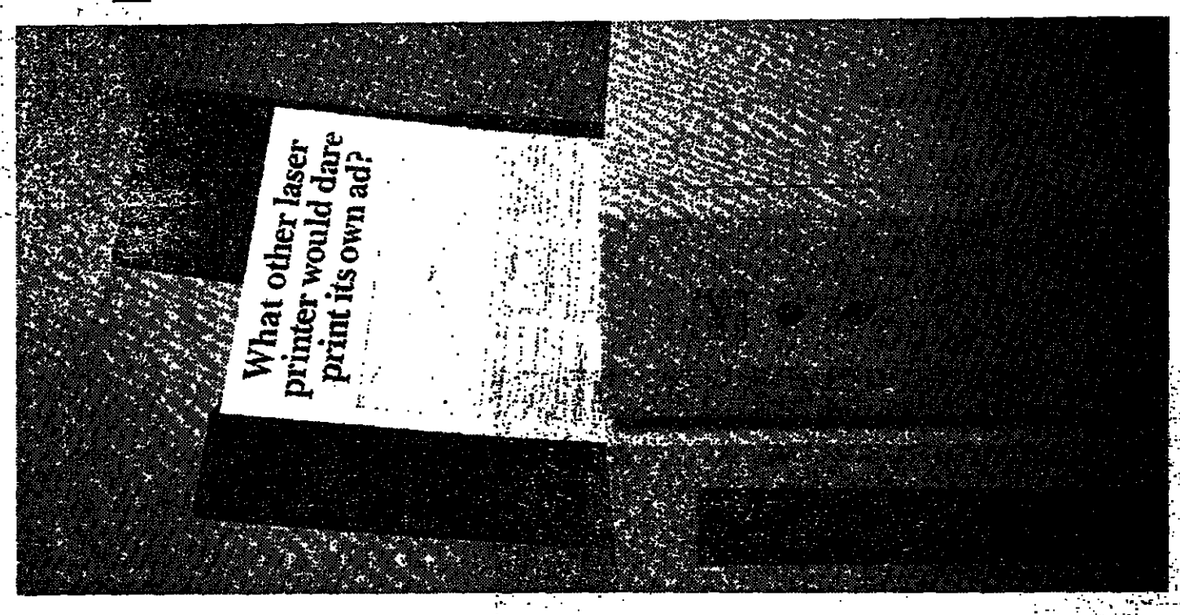
Not surprisingly, it is camera and film companies such as Kodak and Agfa that lead the way in this kind of technology. Agfa in particular has made a name for itself in the Apple Macintosh desktop publishing market with both a high-quality image scanner and a large, heavy-duty computer printer.

Agfa recently made that same scanner, along with special software, available for all IBM personal computers and those that operate like the IBM machine.

Therefore until computer displays and printers improve, the image that someone sends into the computer via a scanner will always be better than what they see on screen or coming off the printer.

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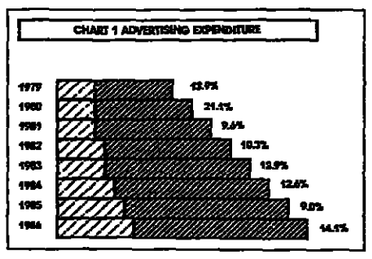
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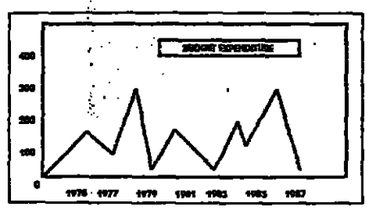


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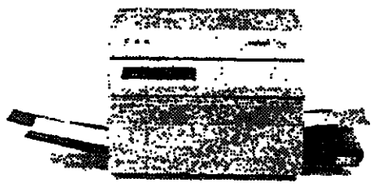
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In other words, if you can think of a tool for a computer which has enough potential buyers to make it a *marketable* proposition, then you can probably assume that the computer is capable of creating the software to do the job.

DTP needs faster and more powerful machines because the medium demands a visual *interface* — *pages* have to appear on screen as they are going to look when printed. This requires a lot of processing, particularly if the computer is driving a large, high-resolution colour screen.

The machines which can cope with this high level of demand are more like office work-stations, than standard PCs. They are unlikely to be cheap compared with PCs, although even the Macintosh II is less costly than the average work-station.

Along with extra processing power, the new generation of machines are increasingly adept at what the computer industry calls "connectivity," which simply means the ability of different types of machine to talk intelligently to each other.

Rapid strides should be made this year in the use of photographs on PCs. A growing number of Mac programs can now handle photographs on screen and print them, through a typesetter, to professional standards. A program called Image Studio can even edit images: retouching unwanted area of a photograph or combining elements of two picures into a new image.Similar packages for the PC are expected this year.

Picture handling is important to DTP on several fronts. For companies that typeset their pages through bureaux from laser proofs, it means that pictures can be incorporated for little or no extra cost.

Of more importance, in the long term, is the ability to describe every element of the page electronically, with no need for any of the manual cut and paste of pictures which takes place even on today's most-advance big systems.

Complete page handling — total pagination, to use the jargon — allows documents to be transmitted easily and cheaply to satellite print plants anywhere in the world without the need to scan hard copy pages using expensive machinery.

In professional publishing, it promises to be a revolution as fundamental as the shift to direct input by journalists. Total pagination will mean that any print plant owning a PostScript compatible typesetter can output pages, or even direct printing plates, and publish a local edition of a title for little more than the mechanical costs of transmission and paper.

This breakthrough may also create the first generation of true, electronic newspapers. Such a publication could conceivably be transmitted directly to home or office and printed on a cheap laser printer. Before going to bed, the subscriber could indicate any areas of interest he would like included in his morning paper and the personalized edition would be printed at any time he specifies.

Dr Charles Geschke, one of the founders of the Adobe, recently described his ideal:

"One of my fantasies is to wake up in the morning and I will have my automated clipings service deliver me a sheaf of papers on my LaserWriter printer at home with exactly the kind of articles that I would be interested in."

The truly electronic newspaper at last



Peter Lawrence, managing director of the weekly *Slough and Eton Observer*, is shown with the newspaper's DTP system, which can produce up to *10 pages a minute* with a resolution of 600 dots an inch.

He said: "By using the direct-entry method of producing galleys, work can be produced not only *with more speed but also* with more accuracy and at a lower cost per page"



Jim Grennell's set-up shows just how compact a print shop can be

Small print equals profit

The local jobbing printer has long made a good living servicing the simple printing needs of the community. This situation is in the process of change, however, for *many of the jobs normally* undertaken by such shops are being targeted by start-up desk-top publishing operations.

This area of DTP application is already *proving to be a good market for* those seeking to start a new business, as well as being a profitable sideline for the dedicated computer hobbyists looking for ways to finance their hobby

Their potential for success is mixed, though this observation is not based so much on the availability of work but more on the number of individuals that are, or are thinking of, entering the market-place.

With simple DTP systems being relatively cheap to buy, even with a laser printer, far too many people may try to enter the business.The type of work that is available, however, is immense, and much of it can be serviced by DTP-based operations more efficiently and cheaply than the traditional jobbing print shop.Not surprisingly, many small printers are also adding DTP facilities to their range of services so as not to lose too much of their business.

The investment in DTP may seem large for an individual, especially a dedicated hobbyist such as Jim Grennell of Luton. His system consists of four main elements, three of which are essential to entering the small-print business.Mr Grennell has a Macintosh SE with two Mbytes of memory, an Apple Laserwriter for the final output, and a scanner. In this case, the system is an *S200C from* Agfa.With these three systems, coupled to suitable software such as Pagemaker and Image Studio, Mr Grennell can create, edit and format text and pages, digitize graphics and photographic images, and finally, mix them together.

The fourth element in his set-up is an Omicron printer, which can output special print effects such as printing in gold or silver. *But there is a fifth element, which is, in practice,* equally essential: the guillotine to cut the final print output to size.

Typical of the type of jobs Mr Grennell is already attracting are those that have made up some of the staple diet of the jobbing printer, such as visiting cards for local small-business proprietors, promotional leaflets for *companies and individuals, small booklets* and brochures for the same type of clients.

Work can come from a variety of strange areas, such as local musicians. The growth in electronic music, home recording and small recording studios has led to a growth in the number of self-produced cassettes.Promotional material and liners for these cassettes are proving an interesting business opportunity, especially as the DTP systems can mix photographs with text for little extra cost.

By comparison, processing photographs for traditional printing is relatively cheap. The key advantage of the DTP system over the jobbing printer is the ability to tackle the low-volume jobs.This is because the work involved in setting up a print job, always the most complex part, is more easily achieved, and at much lower costs, using a DTP system than the traditional print methods of transferlettering, *hot metal setting, pasting up galleys, or sub*contracting the task to a third-party specialist typesetter.

High-tech in handwriting

Developments in business computing are always reflected, one way or another, in education. Desktop publishing is no different, yet education has different needs and priorities to business, and justifying the spending of large amounts of money can be difficult.

Strange as it may seem, DTP was already popular in primary and secondary schools before most business people knew *what it meant. How*ever, most of it was, and still is, done on low-end equipment — typically a BBC micro hooked to a nine-pin, dot-matrix printer.

This is likely to change, although exactly how is unclear. Many educationalists consider that students simply do not need the high quality demanded by business users — the end result is usually less important than the means of going about it.

Another argument is starting to appear, however. Mike *Bostock, a computer adviser* for the London Borough of Redbridge, explained: "The high-quality finish is a motivating factor.

"Children who have difficulty with handwriting, and are often ashamed of what they produce, can put together something that looks very good, which they can be proud of. It removes the barriers and allows them to be creative."

Computers are already being used extensively in both primary and secondary education for creative writing. By bringing in the design element, DTP extends the creativity. And most pupils are using it to create newspapers, reports and project work, which means the document becomes the focus for research and the manipulation of information.

That takes it out of the narrow confines of computing or English studies and makes it an ideal cross-curriculum tool.

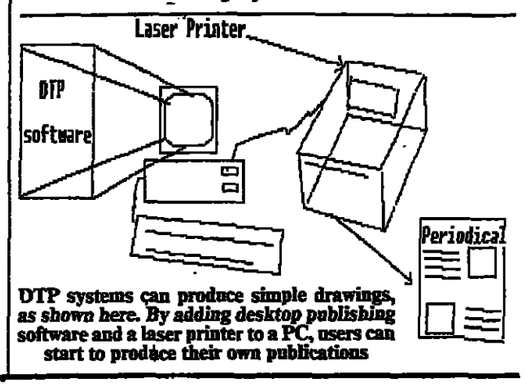
The biggest problem is funding. This is especially true as schools start to look at professional systems, such as the *Apple Macintosh.* Even with educational discounts, a complete Mac-based DTP system is very expensive, and many local authorities would have trouble justifying the cost.

Redbridge, which is in the third year of a four year and £1 million purchasing programme, is now looking at the viability of putting one Macintosh into each of its schools.

The attractions for school administration departments are the same as those for business users — attractive, professional-looking documents at low cost, once the original investment has been recouped.

That's the kind of level at which DTP has had most impact in tertiary education. Its greatest contribution has been in time and cost saving for those involved in administration and publications.

Steve Mansfield



DTP systems can produce simple drawings, *as shown here. By adding desktop publishing* software and a laser printer to a PC, users can start to produce their own publications

You pronounce it "Wizziwig". It's a term experienced DTP's (desktop publishers) use for "What You See Is What You Get". In this case it's the new Compaq Deskpro 386/20, the most advanced personal computer in the world.

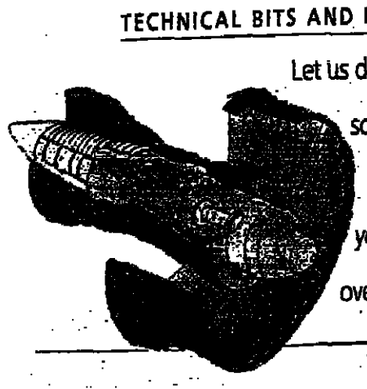
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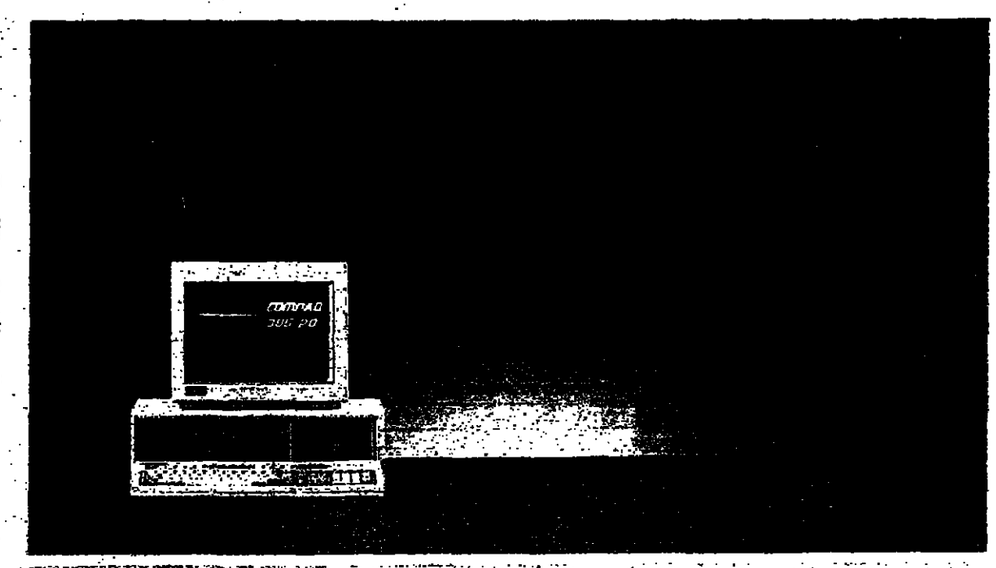
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THEATRE

LONDON

☆ **ACTING SHAKESPEARE:** Ian McKellen plays Hamlet, Falstaff, Romeo, Juliet and many more in award-winning solo show. All proceeds to the London Lighthouse AIDS Hospice. Extended until Jan 30.
Playhouse Theatre, Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (01-839 4401). Tube: Embankment. Mon-Thurs 8-10pm, Fri and Sat 6.30-8.30pm and 9-11pm, £4-£14.

☆ **ANDROMACHE:** *Janet Suzman* plays Racine's tragic heroine in the *opening production of Jonathan* Miller's season of classics.
Old Vic Theatre, *Waterloo* Road, SE1 (01-928 7616). Tube: Waterloo. *Opens tonight 7pm. Then Mon-Fri* 7.30pm, Sat 7.45pm, mats Wed *2.30pm and Sat 4pm,* £8-£14.

★ **ANTONY AND CLEOPATRA:** Last performances of Peter Hall's record-breaking production with Anthony Hopkins and Judi Dench.
National Theatre (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (01-928 2252). Tube: Waterloo. Tonight 7pm, £7-£13.

☆ **COMPANY:** See caption.
Donmar Warehouse, *41 Earlham* Street, WC2 (01-240 8230). Tubes: *Leicester Square/Covent Garden.* Mon-Sat 7.15-8.15pm, £5-£7. Mon-*Thurs in a double bill with Kid's Stuff,* £8.

☆ **KESHO/TOKI NO GAKE:** Two contrasting plays by modern Japanese authors. The titles mean "Makeup" and "The Cliff of Time", and the characters are an actress and a boxer. Performed in English. One week only.
Bloomsbury Theatre, 15 Gordon Square, WC1 (01-387 9629). Tubes: Euston Square/Warren Street. Mon 6pm, Tues 7pm, Wed-Sat 8pm, £5-£6.

☆ **KID'S STUFF:** Australian mime Julie Forsyth as a small boy discovering the richness of life in a play by the Frenchman Raymond Cousse.
Donmar Warehouse, 41 Earlham Street, WC2 (01-240 8230). Tubes: Leicester Square/Covent Garden. Mon-Sat 8.45-10.15pm. £5-£7. Mon-Thurs in a double-bill with *Company,* £8.

☆ **MAN TO MAN:** Tilda Swinton's *tour de force in Manfred Karge's* play as the woman who becomes *her dead husband. A Traverse* production.
Royal Court Theatre, *Sloane* Square, SW1 (01-730 1745). Tube: *Sloane Square. Mon-Fri 8-9.30pm,* mat Sat 4-5.30pm, £6-£10 (£4 on Mons). *(D)*

☆ **THE PIED PIPER:** Pop Browning and the rocking rats. Enchanting children's show with Sylvester McCoy at the pipe.
National Theatre (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (01-928 2252). Tube: *Waterloo. Today 10.30am and 2pm,* £7.50, children £4, school groups *(12 or over)* £3. *(D)*

☆ **SHIRLEY VALENTINE:** Pauline Collins as housewife looking for fulfilment in new Willy Russell play, directed by Simon Callow.
Vaudeville Theatre, Strand, WC2 (01-836 9987). Tube: Charing Cross. Previews tonight and tomorrow 7.30-9.45pm. Opens Thurs 7-9.15pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.30-9.45pm, mat Wed 2.30-4.45pm, £6-£13.50.

★ **SOUTH PACIFIC:** Gemma Craven and Emile Belcourt on Rodgers and Hammerstein's paradise island.
Prince of Wales Theatre, Coventry Street, W1 (01-839 5969). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Previews tonight 7.30pm, £7.50-£19. Opens tomorrow 7pm, £8.50-£20.

★ **SPECULATORS:** The RSC's answer to *Serious Money:* the class of 1988 exploits the City.
The Pit, Barbican Centre, Silk Street, EC2 (01-638 8891). Tube: Barbican/Moorgate. Tonight 7.30-9.45pm, £7.50. (D)

☆ **TING TANG MINE:** Robert Glenister, Barbara Jefford and Leslie Sands in Nick Darke's new play centred around a Cornish tin mine.
National Theatre (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (01-928 2252). Tube: Waterloo. *Tonight 7.30pm,* £7.50. (D)

☆ **THE WIZARD OF OZ:** Imelda Staunton sets off on the Yellow Brick Road. RSC Christmas show with all the celebrated songs plus others cut from the film.
Barbican Theatre, Barbican Centre EC2 (01-638 8891). Tube: Barbican/Moorgate. Mon-Sat 7.30-9.30pm, mats Tues, *Thurs and Sat* 2.30-4.30pm, £7-£14.50, children £5-£9. (D)

☆ **YOU NEVER CAN TELL:** Toby Robertson's starry Shaw, with Michael Hordern, Irene Worth and Michael Denison.
Haymarket Theatre, Haymarket, SW1 (01-930 9832). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat 7.30-10.30pm, mats Wed and Sat 3-6pm, £7.50-£14.50.

LONG RUNNERS: ☆ **Beyond Reasonable Doubt:** Queens *Theatre* (01-734 1166). . . ☆ **The Business of Murder:** Mayfair Theatre (01-629 3036). . . ☆ **Cats:** New London Theatre (01-405 0072, cc 01-404 4079). . . ☆ **Chess:** Prince Edward Theatre (01-734 8951). . . ☆ **Follies:** Shaftesbury Theatre (01-379 5399). . . ☆ **42nd Street:** Drury Lane Theatre (01-836 8108/9/0). . . ☆ **High Society:** Victoria Palace Theatre (01-834 1317). . . ☆ **Les Liaisons Dangereuses:** Ambassadors Theatre (01-836 6111, cc 01-836 1171). . . ☆ **Me and My Girl:** Adelphi Theatre (01-240 7913/4). . . ★ **Les Misérables:** Palace Theatre (01-434 0909). . . ☆ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443). . . ★ **Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244). . . ☆ **Run For Your Wife:** Criterion Theatre (01-930 3216). . . ☆ **Serious Money:** Wyndhams Theatre (01-836 3028). . . ☆ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Theatre (01-828 8665). . . ☆ **And Then There Were None:** Duke of York's Theatre (01-836 5122).

OUT OF TOWN

EDINBURGH: ☆ **Charley's Aunt:** Rupert Farley plays the much-chased aunt in the *immortal farce.* **Royal Lyceum Theatre,** Grindlay Street (031 229 9697). Mon-Sat 7.45pm, £3.80-£6.

HULL: ☆ **A Hard Day's Night:** Twenty-five years in the life of two Beatle-mad sisters. New Hull Truck production prior to national tour.
Spring Street Theatre, Spring Street (0482 23638). Mon-Sat 7.45pm, Fri and Sat late shows 10.30pm, £3.

MANCHESTER: ☆ **My Fair Lady:** Denis Quilley and Liz Robertson educating each other in love in a revival of tune-packed musical.
Opera House, Quay Street (061 831 7766). Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat 2.30pm, £5.50-£15.50.

NORTHAMPTON: ☆ **Statements After and Arrest Under the Immortality Act:** Athol Fugard's *moving two-hander about a* doomed black-white love affair.
Downstairs at Derngate, Royal Theatre, Guildhall Road (0604 38343), Mon-Sat 8pm, £3.50.

SOUTHAMPTON: ☆ **Love Off The Shelf:** New musical: "everything you wanted to know about romantic novels but were afraid to ask".
Nuffield Theatre, University Road (0703 671771). Mon-Thurs 7.30-10pm, *Fri* and Sat 8-10.30pm, mat Sat 4-6.30pm, £4.90-£8.



Julian Curry (above) has appeared in scores of TV plays and sitcoms. His cadaverous features also give him the *perfect* looks for a Samuel Beckett hero where the jokes, when they come, are grimmer. He opens tonight in *Company* at the Donmar Warehouse Theatre, in a double bill with Australian mime Julie Forsyth in *Kid's Stuff* (see listing). *The production by Tim* Pigott-Smith, currently appearing in *Entertaining Strangers* at the National, won a Fringe First award last year at the Edinburgh Festival.

FILMS

■ Also on national release
☆ Advance booking possible

■ **BEVERLY HILLS COP II (15):** *Eddie Murphy repeats his* performance as the brazen Detroit *cop on a job in* Los Angeles. Tony Scott directs (103 min).
☆ Plaza (01-437 1234). Progs 1.15, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30. (D)

THE DEAD (U): John Huston's final film – a poignant adaptation of James Joyce's story about a post-Christmas party in Dublin, full of *mellow reflections on life,* marriage and death. With Angelica Huston, *Donal McCann (82 min).*
☆ Lumière (01-836 0691). Progs *1.40, 3.30, 5.20, 7.15, 9.15. (D)*

■ **FATAL ATTRACTION (18):** A spurned lover (Glenn Close) takes revenge on Michael Douglas, his wife (Anne Archer) and family. Adrian Lyne directs this unsettling thriller (119 min).
Camden Plaza (01-485 2443). Progs 1.30, 3.50, 6.15, 8.40.
Cannon Baker Street (01-935 9772). Progs 2.30, 5.20, 8.10.
Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149). Progs 2.45, 5.30, 8.25.
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 2.30, 5.25, 8.20.
☆ Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636). Progs 2.15, 6.10, 9.15.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 12.55, 3.10, 5.40, 8.15.
☆ Plaza (01-200 0200). Progs 1.30, 4.15, 7.00, 9.30, 12.00.
☆ Screen on the Green (01-226 3520). Progs 3.50, 6.10, 8.40

THE GLASS MENAGERIE (PG): *Tennessee Williams's hothouse* play about a tortured family. With *Joanne Woodward as the* overbearing mother, Karen Allen as *her crippled daughter and John* Malkovich as the smothered son. *Paul Newman directs but does not* appear (134 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 2.10, 5.30, 8.20.
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 2.30, 5.20, 8.10.

■ **INNER SPACE (PG):** Imaginative *comic fantasy from the Spielberg* factory. Dennis Quaid is the *miniaturized Air Force* pilot implanted by error into the body of *a meek grocery clerk (Martin* Short). Joe Dante directs (119 min).
☆ Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2536). Progs 2.30, 6.15, 9.10.

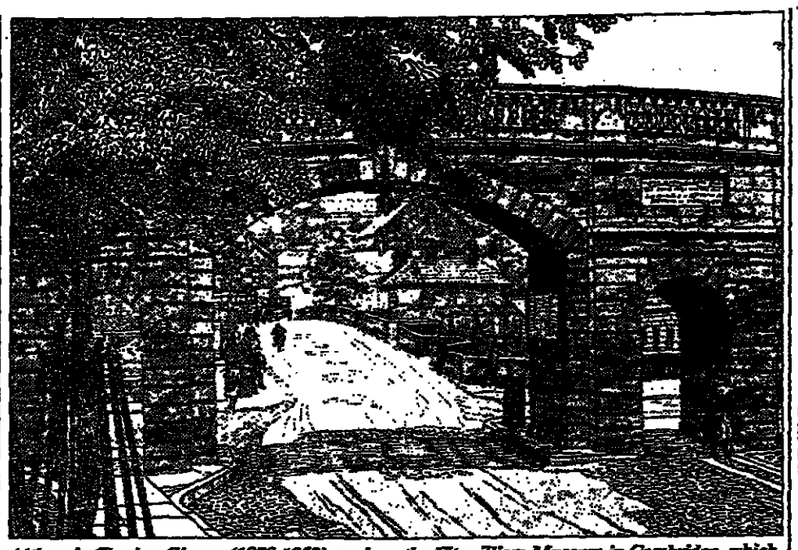
■ **MASTERS OF THE UNIVERSE (PG):** Live-action, feature-length advert for He-Man, Skeletor and other fantasy toys, with Dolph Lundgren as the ultimate warrior defending the universe against Frank Langella's forces of evil. Directed by Gary Goddard (100 min).
Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149). Progs 1.15, 3.50, 6.10, 8.30.
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 1.40, 4.00, 6.15, 8.30.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.30, 3.35, 5.55, 8.10.

NO WAY OUT (15): Polished version of a *film noir* classic. *The Big Clock,* with a new Pentagon setting and a few extra twists. Gene Hackman plays the Defence Secretary with a crime to cover up; Kevin Costner is the luckless investigator. Roger Donaldson directs (114 min).
Odeon Leicester Square (01-931 6111). Progs 12.45, 3.15, 5.45, 8.25.

■ **PREDATOR (18):** Arnold Schwarzenegger action spectacular, featuring lots of blood, laser beams, and a very slight moral conscience. Arnold plays the leader of a military rescue team. Directed by John McTiernan (107 min).
Leicester Square Theatre (01-930 5252). Progs 11.10, 1.40, 4.10, 6.50, 9.45.
Odeon Marble Arch (01-723 2011). Progs 1.15, 3.40, 6.05, 8.30, 11.00.

THE STEPFATHER (18): Drama from thriller writer Donald E Westlake, with Terry O'Quinn as the psychotic striving for a new identity after murdering his family. Directed by Joseph Ruben; with Jill Schoelen and Shelly Hack (98 min).
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 2.25, 4.25, 6.30, 8.35.
Cannon Tottenham Court Road (01-636 6148). Progs 2.15, 4.25, 6.30, 8.30.

TOUGH GUYS DON'T DANCE (18): *Norman Mailer writes and directs* this extravagant thriller adapted from his own novel, with Ryan O'Neal as the wastrel writer increasingly surrounded by dead bodies. Part parody, part serious. *With Isabella Rossellini, Debra* Sandlund (109 min).
Cannon Tottenham Court Road (01-636 6148). Progs 1.15, 3.35, *6.00, 8.25.*
Cannon Panton Street (01-930 0631). Progs 2.30, *5.00, 7.25, 9.55.*



Although Charles Ginner (1878-1952) made his name painting in a vivid Post-Impressionist style, his later works, like this street scene in Chester, were more conventional. It was his traditional treatment of subjects like this one which subsequently gained Ginner his reputation as "a Betjeman of the brush". The view of Chester is one of around 2,000 works featured in *The World of Drawings and Watercolours,* an annual jamboree in which 50 specialist international dealers are participating. Prices range from a few pounds to tens of thousands – the Ginner can be had for £4,000 – and there are rare items on sale by Stubbs, Tissot and Turner. *During the four-day fair there is a loan* exhibition of 20th century watercolours from the Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge, which includes works by David Bomberg, Paul Nash, John Piper, John Tunnard and Keith Vaughan. *There is also a display on conservation techniques relevant to works on paper. A* series of four lectures will be delivered during the fair, one of which features Sir Hugh Casson talking about the Royal Academy of Art, of which he is a former president. *The World of Drawings and Watercolours* is being opened tomorrow at noon by comedian and art connoisseur *Barry Humphries at the Park* Lane Hotel, Piccadilly, London W1 (01-491 8806), Wednesday to Friday 11am to 8pm, Saturday and Sunday 11am to 7pm, £5 (with catalogue), until January 24. *David Lee*

CONCERTS

LUNCHTIME

☆ **BASSOONERIES:** Kim Walker, the American bassoonist, plays *Beethoven's F major Sonata,* Saint-Saëns's Sonata Op 168 and her *own arrangements of six Brahms Lieder.* Ian Brown is at the piano.
Bishopsgate Hall, 230 Bishopsgate, London EC2 (01-247 6844). *1.05-1.50pm,* £1.50.

☆ **VOICE AND GUITAR:** Barbara Courtney-King, soprano, and Bill McGillivray, guitar, perform songs by Dowland, Sor, Schubert, *Guiliani, Fauré,* Villa-Lobos – a mixed bag.
St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, London WC2 (01-839 1930), 1.05-2pm, free.

EVENING

☆ **FOULDES FIND:** The Endellion *Quartet unearths John Fouldes's* little-known *Aquarelles* Op 32, *preceding them with Mozart's* Quartet K 465 "Dissonance", *following them with Schubert's* Quintet D 956, for which they are *joined by Shuna Wilson (cello).*
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore Street, London W1 (01-935 2141), 7.30pm, £3-£6.

☆ **JONA SONGS:** Accompanied by Oscar Alessi at the piano, the baritone Alberto Jona sings Ravel's *Quatre Chants Populaires* and *Deux Mélodies Hébraïques,* two songs each by Duparc and Milhaud, Lorca's Spanish Popular *Songs.*
St John's, Smith Square, London SW1 (01-222 1061), 7.30pm, £3-£5.

☆ **WIND CONTROL:** The Electric Symphony Orchestra is conducted by Richard Gonski in Morton Subotnick's *In Two Worlds* for wind controller, saxophone, computer and amplified orchestra with John Sampen soloing on Yamaha WX7 wind controller and saxophone. This world première is preceded by the UK première of Yitzhak Sadai's *Canti Fermi* for orchestra and tape.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 7.45pm, £3.50-£7.50.

☆ **PETER O'HAGAN:** This pianist presents Beethoven's Sonatas Opp 31 No 2 and 110, Schumann's Symphonic Studies Op 13 and Brahms's Intermezzos Op 119.
Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 7.30pm, £2.50-£4.50.

OPERA

☆ **THE MERRY WIDOW:** Revival of *Opera North's production now with* Kathryn Harries in the title role and *Paul Nilon and Peter Savidge as the* Camille and Danilo.
Grand Theatre, New Briggate, Leeds (0532 459351), *7.15-10.15pm,* £3.80-£17.80.

☆ *HANSEL & GRETEL: David* Pountney offers a neat, sometimes magical Fifties-style version of Humperdinck with more Jung than gingerbread, and with Felicity Palmer significantly double cast as Witch and Mother.
English National Opera, Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161), 7.30-9.40pm, £2-£21.50.

☆ **LET'S MAKE AN OPERA:** First night of a new production of Britten's music-theatre piece for children presented by the National Youth Music Theatre.
Sadler's Wells Theatre, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (01-278 8916), 7.30-9.30pm, £3-£9.

DANCE

★ **GISELLE:** Fiona Chadwick in the Royal Ballet's production.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066), 7.30-9.45pm, £1-£30.

☆ **COPPELIA:** Northern Ballet Theatre's production of the popular classic with music by Delibes.
Civil Theatre, Halifax, Yorks (0422 51158), 7.30-9.30pm, £5.50-£7.50.

☆ **THE NUTCRACKER:** Peter Darrell's production for the Scottish Ballet has designs by Philip Prowse.
His Majesty's Theatre, Rosemount Viaduct, Aberdeen, Scotland (0224 641122), 7.30pm, £7-£9.50.

☆ **LA SYLPHIDE:** London City Ballet's production of the famous romantic ballet is given with the *Nutcracker Suite.*
Playhouse, Sacheverel Street, Derby (0332 363275), 7.30pm, £7.50.

ROCK

☆ **SCARLET FANTASTIC:** Rompy pop duo who had a hit last year with "No Memories".
Bikeshed at the Limelight, 136 Shaftesbury Avenue, London WC2 (01-434 0572) 9.30pm, £5.

☆ **HEAVY D AND THE BOYZ:** Born *in Jamaica, but a big graduate of* the New York hip hop scene. Make *way for anthems like "The* Overweight Lover In The House", *"Chunky But Funky" and "Mr. Big* Stuff".
Ritz, Whitworth Street West, Manchester (061 236 4355) 9pm, £4.50.

☆ **ASLAN:** With a cracking new single, "Loving Me Lately", this Dublin quintet is being carefully groomed to follow in the footsteps of U2. They project themselves on stage as if playing the arenas already.
Princess Charlotte, 8 Oxford Street, Leicester (0533 553956) 8.30pm, £2.

JAZZ

☆ **TURK MAURO:** Solid US saxophonist, a former Dizzy *Gillespie and Buddy Rich sideman.* Bass Clef, 35 Coronet Street, *London N1 (01-729 2476),* 8.45pm, £4.50.

☆ **DAVE FRISHBERG:** The US *pianist-composer of "My Attorney* Bernie" continues his two-week residency.
Pizza on the Park, 11 Knightsbridge, *London SW1 (01-*235 5550), 8.15pm, ring for prices.

TOP 10 UK SINGLES

1	(1)	Heaven Is A Place On Earth	Belinda Carlisle, Virgin
2	(8)	Sign Your Name	Terence Trent D'Arby, CBS
3	(13)	I Think We're Alone Now	Tiffany, MCA
4	(3)	House Arrest	Krush, Fon/Club
5	(4)	Stutter Rap	Morris Minor and the Majors, 10 Records
6	(5)	I Found Someone	Cher, Geffen
7	(7)	All Day And All Of The Night	*Stranglers,* Epic
8	(9)	Come Into My Life	Joyce Sims, Fen
9	(6)	Angel Eyes (Home and Away)	Wet Wet Wet, Precious
10	(10)	Rise To The Occasion	Climie Fisher, EMI

TOP 10 UK ALBUMS

1	(–)	Turn Back The Clock	*Johnny Hates Jazz, Virgin*
2	(1)	Popped In Souled Out	Wet Wet Wet, Precious Org
3	(4)	Introducing The Hardline According To	Terence Trent D'Arby, CBS
4	(8)	Christians	Christians, Island
5	(2)	Bad	Michael Jackson, Epic
6	(10)	Faith	George Michael, Epic
7	(22)	Heaven on Earth	Belinda Carlisle, Virgin
8	(11)	The Best of Mirage Jack Mix '88	Mirage, Stylus
9	(3)	Whenever You Need Somebody	Rick Astley, RCA
10	(16)	Life In The Fast Lane	Various, Telstar

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☆ **INTO THE BLUE:** Birmingham bop quintet, not dissimilar to the American band Out Of The Blue.
Prince of Orange, 118 Lower Road London SE16 (01-237 9181), 8pm, free.

☆ **STAN GREIG:** *Swing pianist* whose Meade "Lux" Lewis impersonation was one of the highlights of Humphrey Lyttelton's *recent anniversary concert.*
Three Compasses, Cowcross Street, London EC1 (01-253 3368), 7.45pm, free.

GALLERIES

WORKS FROM THE FIFTIES: By Lanyon, Moore, Hitchens, Scott, Davie, Gear and nine other British artists.
Gimpel Fils, 30 Davies Street, London W1 (01-493 2486), Mon-Fri 9.30-5.30pm, Sat 10-1pm, free, until Feb 27.

MICHAEL HOROWITZ: 15 years of paintings, drawings and collages by the Pop poet.
Mills Café, 8 Withey's Yard, High Street, Stroud (04536 72222), free, until Jan 24.

THE EXPERIENCE OF LANDSCAPE: Highlights of British landscape painting this century trawled from the Arts Council's collection.
Royal Albert Memorial Museum and Art Gallery, Queen Street, Exeter (0392 265858), Tues-Sat 10-5.30pm, free, until Feb 6.

JEFFREY MAKIN: Paintings of Australia's Flinders Range of mountains.
Bernard Jacobson, 2a Cork Street, London W1 (01-439 8355). Mon-Fri 10-6pm, Sat 10-1pm, free, until Feb 6.

CREATURES OF FABLE: Ingenious animal sculptures in metal by Zadok ben David.
Cartwright Hall, Lister Park, Bradford (0274 493313), Tues-Sun 10-5pm, free, until Jan 31.

JOHN FREDERICK HERRING (1795-1865): A small collection of pictures by the most celebrated sporting artist of his day.
York City Art Gallery, Exhibition Square, York (0904 23839), Mon-Sat 10-5pm, Sun 2.30-5pm, free, until Feb 7.

ALEXANDER FRASER & HARVEY DANIELS: Recent gestural abstract *paintings and decorative collages* respectively.
Artspace, 21 Castle Street, Aberdeen (0224 639539), Tues-Sat 9.30-5pm, free, until Feb 3.

THE AGE OF CHIVALRY: A massive survey of the arts and *crafts in Plantagenet England 1200-*1400.
Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly, London W1 (01-734 9052), daily 10-6pm, £4, until March 6.

TALKS

ARCHAEOLOGY WITH "PESTO" SAUCE: Lecture by Professor M Crawford.
University College London, Darwin Theatre, Gower Street, London WC1, 1.15pm, free.

THE HOSPICE PHILOSOPHY OF CARE: Lecture by Dr James Hanratty, medical director of St John's Hospice.
Charing Cross Hotel, Strand, London WC2 (info: 01-839 4512), 6.30pm, free.

GUY'S HOSPITAL: Lecture by Dr D Watts.
Hawkstone Hall, Kennington Road SE1, 7.30pm, free.

AGE OF CHIVALRY LECTURE: *Talk by Professor R A Griffiths on* the changing face of war in the later middle ages.
Royal Academy of Arts, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London W1 (01-734 9052), 1pm, free.

ROYAL NUMISMATIC SOCIETY: *Lecture by Richard Duncan-Jones* on weight-variations in the pre-*Severan denarius.*
Institute of Archaeology, 31-34 *Gower Street, London WC1 (01-387* 7050), 5.30pm, free.

WORLD ECONOMIC RECOVERY WITHOUT INFLATION: Lecture by Professor Adam Smith of the University of Glasgow.
Manchester Statistical Society, CIS Building, Miller Street, Manchester (info: 061 832 8686), 5.30pm, free.

THE BEAUTIFUL ROOM IS EMPTY: Edmund White talks to Alan Jenkins of the *Times Literary Supplement.*
ICA, The Mall, London SW1 (01-930 3647), 1pm, £1.50 plus 50p membership for the day.

OPERATION RALEIGH: Talk by *mountaineer Doug Scott about his* expedition to Everest last autumn.
Sheldonian Theatre, Broad Street, Oxford (info: 01-351 7541), 7.30pm, £3.

WALKS

INNS OF COURT – ENGLAND'S LEGAL HERITAGE: meet Chancery Lane tube, 11am, £2.50.

HIDDEN INTERIORS OF BYGONE LONDON: *meet:* Temple tube, 11am, £3.

POLITICAL LONDON – *GOVERNMENT AND* PARLIAMENT: meet Embankment *tube, 11.30am.* £2.50.

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF CHARLES DICKENS: meet Holborn tube, 2pm, £2.50.

OTHER EVENTS

CHRISTIE'S SALES: Two today – *old and modern jewellery and* English and continental pictures, both at 2pm.
Christie's 85 Old Brompton Road, *London SW7 (01-581 7611).*

ARMENIAN ILLUMINATED GOSPEL BOOKS: A collection of *beautifully illustrated manuscripts* from the Armenian Church. Dating *from the 9th century they reveal the* distinctive style that evolved from a *combination of Hellenistic,* Byzantine and other non-Christian *traditions.*
British Library, Great Russell Street, *London WC1* (01-638 1544). Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2.30-6pm, *free, until March 6.*

DAVID GARLAND CERAMICS: A Crafts Council Touring Exhibition of *the work of this talented potter.* More than 60 items on display from bowls and jugs to plates and dishes, most for sale.
Cleveland Crafts Centre, 57 Gilkes Street, Middlesbrough, Cleveland (0642 226351), *Tues-Sat 10am-*5pm, free, until Feb 5.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

OPERA NORTH AT BRADFORD: Opera North makes its *first visit* to the Alhambra, with productions of *Carmen, Tosca* and *Fidelio. June* 14-18. Booking now open.
Alhambra Theatre, Bradford (0274 752000, cc 0274 752677).

THIS ISLAND'S MINE: Presentation by Gay Sweatshop of comedy by Philip Osment, with score by Sharon Nassauer. Feb 23-March 12.
Drill Hall Arts Centre, 16 Chenies Street, London WC1 (01-631 1353).

LAST CHANCE

DICK WHITTINGTON: Last performances this week of traditional pantomime, starring *Letitia Dean, Dave Lee Travis,* Rose Marie, Martin Daniels and Peter Piper.
Lewisham Theatre, Rushey Green, London SE6 (01-690 0002).

THE LITTLE CHRISTMAS TREE: *The adventures of a small* Christmas tree; presented as a double bill with *Monkey Wisdom,* monkey marionettes performing *tricks to music. Ends this week.* Puppet Barge, Camden Lock, 289 *Camden High Street, London NW1* (01-249 6876).

DAVID HOCKNEY: Exhibition of *posters. Ends today.*
National Theatre, South Bank, *London SE1 (01-633 0880).*

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; Films: Geoff Brown; Concerts: Max Harrison; Opera: Hilary Finch; Rock: David Sinclair; Jazz: Clive Davis; Dance: John Percival; Galleries: David Lee; Walks and Talks: Greta Carslaw; Other Events: Judy Froshaug; Bookings: Anne Whitehouse.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 24

BELAMY
(a) Obsolescent for fair friend, usually vocative, from the French *bel ami,* found e.g. *in The Fairie Queene.*

METAGROBOLIZE
*(a) To puzzle, from the humor-*ous Rabelaisian coinage *metagrobouliser,* "to dunce upon, to puzzle or (too much) beate the braines about."

FACINOROUS
(c) Extremely wicked, grossly *criminal, infamous, from the* Latin *facinus,* a deed, especially a naughty deed.

ADGE
(c) Contemporary Yuppie slang for an agitated state brought on by sexual frustration; hence *adged up.*

ENTERTAINMENTS

CONCERTS

BARBICAN HALL 638 8891/629 8795 No perf tonight. Tomor 7.45 LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Wyn Morris (cond) David Golub (piano).

EXHIBITIONS

EMPERORS TERRACOTTA WARRIORS. Royal Horticultural Societies Old Hall, Vincent Square, SW1. £4.50 Adults, £3 child. 09.30 - 21.00 except Tuesday 09.30 - 18.00. W/E 10.00 - 21.00. December 14th - Feb 20th. Tel: 01-828 2768.

OPERA & BALLET

COLISEUM S 836 3161 CC 240 5258. ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA. Tom't 7.30 Rossini & Gretsky. Tomor 7.00 Der Rosenkavalier.

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE 240 1066/1911. Bkdsy info 836 6903. S/C 66 tonight seats avail on the day.

Tom't 7.30 THE ROYAL BALLET Giselle. Tomor 7.30 The Sleeping Beauty/The Concert. Ballet casting info 01 240 9818.

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

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BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM.
6.35 Edgar Kennedy in Kennedy the *Great (b/w).* **6.55 Weather.**
7.00 Breakfast Time with John Stapleton, Jeremy Paxman and Sally Jones. Includes national and international news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30;** regional news and travel reports at **7.15, 7.45** and **8.15;** weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25.**
8.30 Laverne and Shirley. American comedy series starring Cindy Williams and Penny Marshall **8.55** Regional news and weather.
9.00 News and weather followed by *Open Air.* Eamonn Holmes receives viewers' comments on yesterday's television programmes **9.20 Kilroy.** Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject.
10.00 News and weather followed by **Going for Gold** (r). **10.25 Children's BBC.** Andy Crane with programme news and birthday greetings followed by **Play School** (r), and **The Wombles** (r).
10.55 *Five to Eleven. A reading by* Philippa Urquhart **11.00 News** and weather followed by **Open Air** introduced by Pattie Coldwell and Eamonn Holmes.
12.00 *News and weather followed by* **Daytime Live.** Today's guests include Terry Waite's cousin, John Waite, actor Christopher Timothy and balloonist Per *Lindstrom. Music is provided by* Tiffany. **12.55** Regional news and weather.
1.00 One O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. Weather. **1.30 Neighbours.** Tom receives a missive from Max and begins to behave suspiciously **1.50 Going for Gold.** European quiz game.
2.15 Knots Landing. An unexpected mourner turns up at Chip's funeral **3.05 Valerie.** Domestic comedy series starring Valerie *Harper (r).* **3.25 The Clothes Show** includes a guide to what will be in fashion shop windows after the sales are over.
3.50 Henry's Cat (r). **4.00 Philomena.** Adventures of a kitten (r). **4.10 Laurel and Hardy.** Cartoon (r). **4.15 Jackanory.** *Nerys Hughes with part two of Judy Corbalis's The Wrestling Princess* **4.25 Yogi Bear** (r).
4.35 The Really Wild Show. Nature series **5.00 Newsround 5.10 Grange Hill.** Episode five of the 20-part serial (Ceefax) **5.35 Neighbours** (r).
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Sue Lawley and Philip Hayton. Weather. **6.35 London Plus.**
7.00 Holiday 88 introduced by Frank Bough. John Pitman investigates holidays where owners can *bring their pets; Anne Gregg* travels overland to Turkey; and Kathy Tayler samples the second prize in the *Radio Times* holiday competition, a fortnight in *the Caribbean. (Ceefax)*
7.30 EastEnders. Wicksy asks Pat about his real father. (Ceefax)
8.00 A Question of Sport presented by David Coleman. Joining Emlyn *Hughes and Bill Beaumont this* week are Brendan Mullin, Dennis Taylor, Judy Oakes and Peter Beardsley.
8.30 Wildlife on One: The Longest Nose in Africa. A documentary following a day in the life of a herd of elephants. (Ceefax)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis and Debbie Thrower. Regional news and weather.
9.30 The Play on One: Down Where the Buffalo Go. (Ceefax) (see Choice)
11.05 Film 88, presented by Barry Norman, includes reviews of *Sammy and Rosie Get Laid* and *Gardens of Stone* and a report *from the set of White Mischief.*
11.35 His Voice His Written Word. A profile of 22-year-old Irish writer Christopher Nolan who cannot *walk or talk (r).*
12.10am Weather.

BBC2

9.00 Ceefax 9.20 Daytime on Two: secondary science curriculum **9.52** The castle in the Middle Ages **10.15** Look and read **10.35** Investigating science **11.00** Sounds of the night **11.18** Wondermaths **11.35** Information technology **12.00** *Maths topics* **12.20** *Italy* through Italian eyes **12.50** Spanish **1.20** For the young **1.38** Drama about a Welsh servant girl set in the 1850s **2.00 News** and weather followed by a series for four-and five-year olds
2.15 See Hear (r). **2.40 Off the Course.** *Sandy Lyle relives the* final hole of the 1985 Open at Royal St George's (first shown on BBC Scotland).
3.00 News and weather followed by ***Sir Thomas Sopwith — 100 Years.*** (see Choice)
3.50 News, regional news and weather. **4.00 Catchword.**
4.30 Four-legged Soldiers. How dogs and horses are trained for the Army (first shown on BBC Midlands).
5.00 Best of Brass featuring the *Ever Ready Band, the CWS* (Glasgow) Band and the Parc and Dare Band. **5.30 Gardeners' World** (r).
6.00 Film: Anne of Green Gables (1934, b/w) starring Anne Shirley. The story of a young girl working on an Australian farm. Directed by George Nicholls Jr. **7.15 Tex Avery *Double Bill*** (r).
7.30 Telejournal. The news from Spain and an interview with Nickolas Grace who has been appearing on Spanish television.
8.00 City Lights. Comedy series starring Gerard Kelly as a bank clerk with hopes of becoming a writer. (first shown on BBC Scotland).
8.30 Food and Drink includes hints on making mouthwatering marmalade.
9.00 Film: Johnny Belinda (1982) *starring* Richard Thomas, Rosanna Arquette and Dennis Quaid. A made-for-television version of Elmer Harris's drama about a social worker who helps a deaf-mute young woman to communicate through sign language. Directed by Anthony Page.
10.35 Newsnight 11.20 Weather

ITV/LONDON

6.00 TV-am begins with a repeat of yesterday's G'Day Britain and includes, at **7.00** and **8.00** for half-an-hour, Good Morning Britain introduced by Richard Keys.
8.30 *G'Day Britain presented by* Anne Diamond from Australia. After Nine includes a fashion forecast.
9.25 Thames news.
9.30 Give Us a Clue. Celebrity mime game presented by Michael Parkinson. This morning Lionel Blair and Liza Goddard are joined by Suzy Aitchison, Leslie Grantham, Roy Kinnear, Su Pollard, June Whitfield and Mark Wynter **10.00 Santa Barbara 10.25 News** *headlines.*
10.30 The Time. . .The Place. . . Mike Scott chairs a topical discussion **11.10 Rainbow.** Educational puppet series **11.25 Thames news.**
11.30 About Britain. The history and a profile of the County Tyrone town of Moy **12.00 Gas Street.** Music and chat show presented by Vince Hill.
12.30 News with Julia Somerville **12.50 Thames news.**
1.00 Chain Letters. Word association game hosted by *Jeremy Beadle* **1.30 The Beiderbecke Affair.** Comedy drama serial starring James Bolam and Barbara Flynn (r).
2.30 The Treatment, presented by Josephine Buchan, examines David Alton's abortion bill **3.00 Plants for Free.** Plant propagation series (r). **3.25 Thames news 3.30 The Young Doctors.** Medical drama serial set in a large Australian city hospital.
4.00 Rainbow. Shown earlier at 11.10 **4.15 Five Minute Wonder,** presented by Gabrielle Bradshaw **4.25 Turn On To T-Bag** starring Elizabeth Estensen **4.50 Running Loose.** Serial about a group of inner-city *youngsters in the Lake District.* (Oracle)
5.15 Blockbusters. General knowledge game presented by Bob Holness.
5.45 News with Alastair Stewart **6.00 Thames news** followed by **Crimestoppers.**
6.25 *Help includes news of the* Kings Cross fire enquiry and the tragedy counselling service.
6.35 Crossroads.
7.00 Roxy. Pop music programme. Among those appearing tonight are Bros, Dollar and Tiffany.
7.30 Reporting London examines the classic post traumatic stress that has affected rescue workers at the Kings Cross fire disaster.
8.00 Film: Carry On Henry (1971) starring Sidney James, Joan Sims and Kenneth Williams. The story of the little known affair between Henry VIII and Marie of Normandy. Directed by Gerald Thomas.
9.30 *That's Love. The first of a new* domestic comedy series starring Jimmy Mulville and Diana Hardcastle. (Oracle)
10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Burnet and Sandy Gall **10.30 Thames news.**
10.35 Viewpoint Special: The Last Dream. (see Choice)
11.35 Cockney Bowls Classic. The *final* from the Desborough Bowling Club, Maidenhead.
12.35am Film: Alice (1984) starring Jacqueline Parent. A made-for-television story of an out-of-work actress who hires herself out to the public, playing any role that is required of her. Directed by Bernard Queysanne.
2.30 News headlines followed by **Three's Company.** Comedy series.
3.00 Film: Hot Rod (1980) starring Gregg Henry and Parnell Roberts. A made-for-television drama about a young man who goes to California for the National Drag Race competitions. Directed by George Armitage.
5.00 *ITN World News* **5.30 CNN Headline News.** Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

9.30 Schools.
12.00 Business Daily.
12.30 Just 4 Fun. For children.
1.00 *I Could Do That.* Business opportunities for young people (r). (Oracle) **1.30 Write On.** Series about improving writing skills (r). (Oracle)
2.00 *The Parliament Programme*
2.30 Film: The Mask of Fu Manchu (1932, b/w) starring Boris Karloff. The oriental master criminal will stop at nothing to acquire the mask and sword of Genghis Khan. Directed by Charles Brabin.
3.45 Years Ahead. This week's edition of the magazine programme for the older viewer includes the story of one woman's fight over nuclear waste dumping.
4.30 Fifteen-to-One. Quiz game *show.*
5.00 Bewitched. Vintage American comedy series
5.30 Cartoon Capers.
6.00 Lessons for Profit. The first of two documentaries on education.
7.00 Channel 4 News presented by Sue Carpenter.
7.50 Comment followed by **Weather.**
8.00 Brookside. Frank goes to Personnel to discuss his promotion; and Bobby receives marital advice from Matty.
8.30 4 What It's Worth. A new series of the consumer programme begins with an *investigation of the findings that d-i-y* mechanics could be at risk from used engine oil; unauthorized credit card debits; and a report that NHS cuts are responsible for babies' deaths.
9.00 Three Sovereigns for Sarah. The third and final part of the drama about the 17th century Witches of Salem trial, starring Vanessa Redgrave (r). (Oracle)
10.00 American Football. The featured game is the Denver Broncos at the Cleveland *Browns.*
11.30 Off the Page. Roger McGough talks about his songs, poetry and plays.
12.00 Film: The Dover Road Mystery (1960, b/w). Scotland Yard look for a bank robbing gang who killed a passer-by in their escape. Directed by Gerard Bryant. Ends at **12.35am.**

A not-so-bonnie Clyde

TELEVISION CHOICE



Harvey Keitel who plays the US Polaris base patrolman in *Down Where the Buffalo Go*, on BBC1, 9.30pm

● Launching a season of contemporary dramas from Scotland, Down Where the Buffalo Go (BBC1, 9.30pm) is a sombre piece by Peter McDougall about two men with marital difficulties. Harvey Keitel, familiar from the films of Martin Scorsese but making his British television debut, plays Carl, an American serviceman stationed at the Polaris submarine base on the Clyde. He is married to a local girl, has a young daughter and is content to stay in Scotland. His wife, on the other hand, would like to up sticks for the United States. But since their marriage is disintegrating ("We don't talk any more", she says, "we're dead") this ambition seems *unlikely to be realized. Mo-*rose at the best of times, he perhaps has something to be morose about. Carl's brother-in-law Willie (Andrew Byatt) is already separated from his wife and forced to bribe her with fitted carpets so that he can see his kids. To add to his troubles, Willie is made redundant from his job at the foundry and for the first time must face up to life on the dole. There is also the prospect of no more money for fitted carpets. The miserable pair tramp the dreary streets of Greenock, mooch round bars, mumble monsyllables and stare out over the Clyde. In keeping with their mood, it is either pouring with rain or looks as if it is just about to. No wonder Carl's missus wants to get out of the place. Making a little dialogue go a long way, McDougall spins out the words by inserting pregnant pauses at every opportunity. Unfortunately, he is not well served by the sound department and when the characters do get a conversation going, it is all too often drowned in background noise. The two leading actors are excellent and there are full marks, too, for the cameraman, Alex Scott, for so graphically evoking the bleak wasteland against which the drama unfolds. As for the drama itself, I suspect that McDougall is using the central characters to say something oblique about American nuclear defence and the Scottish economy. If so, the point is taken; but if Carl and Willie are taken at their face value, rather than as political metaphors, their predicament is not easy to get involved with.

● **Sir Thomas Sopwith — 100 Years** (BBC2, 3.00pm) is a tribute to the aviation pioneer who celebrated his 100th birthday yesterday. Presented by Raymond Baxter, the programme includes coverage of a celebration lunch at Brooklands, the Surrey motor racing circuit which was also a centre of the British aircraft industry, and a flypast over Sir Thomas's Hampshire home led by a Sopwith Pup aircraft. A man of several parts, Sopwith first made his mark as a pilot and flew across the English Channel as early as 1910. He still holds the world record for getting into, and taking off in, an aircraft. By leaping aboard an already taxiing Wright biplane, a hazardous operation which killed less fortunate colleagues, he achieved the feat in a mere nine seconds. He was also a notable yachtsman, who competed for the America's Cup in 1934. But his main achievement was as an aircraft constructor, first with his own company and later as chairman of Hawker Siddeley.

● John Pilger continues his far from rosy-eyed view of Australia in *Viewpoint Special:* **The Last Dream** (ITV, 10.35pm). One of his themes is the myth of white equality. He points out that a country which produces overnight millionaires has one in five of its children living in poverty.

Peter Waymark

Children of the sinners

RADIO CHOICE



Jacqueline du Pré: new Radio 3 series, 3.30pm

● In Diana Goodman's carefully balanced inquiry **Children of the Reich** (Radio 4, 7.20pm), not everyone who bears witness to the heaviness of the burden of guilt — the sins of the fathers — borne by post-Holocaust generations, does it as clear-sightedly as the German who says: " Being a German, I can only be proud for Goethe and ashamed for Hitler". And not everyone who contributes to the mini-debate on where the Holocaust should be placed in the perspective of time, is sufficiently revisionist to say, as one witness does tonight, that the Nazi atrocities will one day be seen as part of history and no longer as part of the present and the future. Perhaps the most encouraging comment is that of one child of the Reich who says: "We don't have any guilt — but we do bear responsibility for the preservation of human rights and democracy throughout the world".

● Earlier on Radio 3, (3.30), there is the start of a memorial season that acknowledges the artistry of the cellist Jacqueline du Pré who died last year. We hear two concertos, the Haydn in D and the Dvorak, plus the Beethoven "Bei Männern" variations.

● As for music on the lighter side, I commend **Steve Race Presents the Radio Orchestra Show** (Radio 2, 7.30pm). This is, ostensibly, a showcase for the orchestra, giving studio performances that proclaim the presence of an arranger who knows what he is about and is given the instrumental forces that such arrangements demand. The fact that the programmes turn out to be something rather more should not surprise you when you bear in mind that the anchor man is Steve Race. He is a man who can give even Benny Green a run for his money when it comes to demonstrating an encyclopaedic knowledge of popular music and passing judgement on it in a way that does not condescend to the uninitiated.

Peter Davalle



Felicity Palmer: Hansel and Gretel (see Radio Choice)

VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES: 5.35-6.00 Wales Today 6.35-7.00 News followed by Neighbours 9.30 Week In Week Out 10.00-11.35 The Play On One: Down Where the Buffalo Go 12.10am Film 88 12.40-12.45 News and weather SCOTLAND: 10.50am-11.00 Dotaman 6.35pm-7.00 Reporting Scotland NORTHERN IRELAND: 5.35pm Today's Sport 5.40-6.00 Inside Ulster 6.35-7.00 Neighbours 12.10am-12.15 News and weather ENGLAND: 6.35pm-7.00 Regional news magazines

BBC2 SCOTLAND: 6.30pm-6.00 Pmabaig NORTHERN IRELAND: 1.30pm-2.00 See Here!

ANGLIA As London except:12.50pm-1.00 News 6.00-6.35 *About Anglia* 7.00 Bygones 7.30-8.00 Roxy 12.35am Prisoner Cell Block H 1.30 America's Top 10 2.00 Comedy Tonight 2.30 Return to Eden 3.30 Poseidon Flies 4.30 Alfred Hitchcock Presents: The Night Caller 5.00 *Once Upon a Time...Man* 5.30 Anglia Reports 6.00 Closedown.

BORDER As London except:12.50pm-1.00 News 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters 6.00-6.35 Lookaround 7.30-8.00 Take the High Road 11.35 Fight Night 12.30am Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except:12.50pm-1.00 News 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters 6.00-6.35 News 7.30-8.00 In Loving Memory 11.35 Fight Night 12.30am Mountbatten: The Last Viceroy 2.15 *America's Top Ten* 2.45 News, Jobfinder.

CHANNEL As London except:12.50pm News 1.00 Wish You Were Here...? 1.30 Country Practice 1.55 Gems 2.25 Emergency 999 2.30 Just William 3.00 Chain Letters 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters 6.00-6.35 Channel Report 7.00 Horses for Courses 7.30-8.00 Roxy 11.35 Journey to the Unknown 12.35am Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except:12.50pm-1.00 News 5.15 Home Cookery Club 5.30-5.45 Crossroads 8.00 North Tonight 6.30-7.00 Take the High Road 7.30-8.00 In Loving Memory 11.35 Fight Night 12.30am Closedown.

GRANADA As London except:12.50pm-1.00 Granada Reports 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters 6.00 Granada Reports 6.25 This Is Your Right 6.30-7.00 Crossroads 7.30-8.00 Cuckoo Waltz 11.35 Fight Night 12.30am Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except:12.50pm-1.00 News 6.00-6.35 News 7.30-8.00 Roxy 11.35 Derrick 12.45am Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except:6.00pm-6.45 Wales at Six.

SCOTTISH As London except:12.50pm-1.00 News 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters 5.15 Pet Subject 5.30-5.45 Crossroads 6.00 Scotland Today 6.30 Spit Second 7.00 Take the High Road 7.30-8.00 Roxy 11.35 Fight Night 12.30am Late Call. Closedown.

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TVS As London except:12.50pm News 1.00 Wish You Were Here...? 1.30 Country Practice 1.55 Gems 2.25 Emergency 999 2.30 Real People 3.00 *Chain Letters* 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters 6.00 Coast to Coast 6.25-6.35 Police 5 7.00 Horses for Courses 7.30-8.00 Roxy 11.35 World's Beyond 12.05am Putting on the South 12.25 Company. Closedown.

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News on the half-hour from **6.30am** *until* **8.30pm,** then at **10.00** and **12.00** midnight **5.30am** Adrian John **7.00** Nicky Campbell **9.30** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat (Frank Partridge) **12.45** Gary Davies **3.00** Steve Wright **5.30** Newsbeat **5.45** Bruno Brookes **7.30** Simon Mayo **10.00-12.00** John Peel. **VHF** Stero Radios 1 and 2: **4.00am** As Radio 2 **10.00pm** As Radio 1 **12.00-4.00am** As Radio 2

Radio 2

MW (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see Radio 1)
Sports Round-Up **8.50am 4.00am** Colin Berry **5.30** Chris Stuart **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Jimmy Young **1.05pm** David Jacobs **2.00** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Adrian Love **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Robert Parker's A to Z of Jazz (tonight: 9) **7.30** Steve Race Presents Radio Orchestra Show **9.25** Sarah Vaughn (Dave Gelly presents an appraisal of the singer) **10.00** Mind Your Own Business (Bernard Cribbins and company) **10.30** The Law Game **11.00** Brian Matthew **1.00am** Patrick Lunt **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music

WORLD SERVICE

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5.05am Newsdesk **5.30** Londres Matio **7.00** News **7.09** *24 Hours* **7.30** Pressure Points **7.45** Network UK **8.00** News **8.09** Reflections **8.15** Health Matters **8.30** Mysterious Art of the Conductor **9.00** News **9.09** Review of the British Press **9.15** World Today **9.30** Financial News followed by Sports Roundup **9.45** A Mozart Miscellany **10.00** News **10.01** Discovery **10.30** Sports International **11.00** News **11.09** News About Britain **11.15** Waveguide **11.25** A Letter from Scotland **11.30** Londres Midi **12.00** Radio Newsreel **12.15** Multitrack 1 **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** News **1.09** *24 Hours* **1.30** Network UK **1.45** Recording of the Week **2.00** Outlook **2.45** First Recordings of British Symphonies **3.00** Radio Newsreel **3.15** A Jolly Good Show **4.00** News **4.09** Commentary **4.15** Omnibus **4.45** World Today **5.00** News **5.09** A Letter from Scotland **5.15** English by Radio **5.45** Londres Soir **6.30** Heure Actuel **8.00** News **8.09** Twenty-four Hours **8.30** Meridian **9.00** News **9.01** Being Human **9.10** Turning Over New Leaves **9.15** Concert Hall **10.00** *News; 10.09 World Today* **10.25** *A Letter* from Scotland **10.30** Financial News **10.40** Reflections **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.09** Commentary **11.15** They Sold a Million **11.30** Byron **12.00** News **12.09** News About Britain **12.15** Radio Newsreel **12.30** Omnibus **1.00** News **1.01** Outlook **1.30** Report on Religion **1.45** Country Style **2.00** News **2.09** Commentary **2.15** A-Z of Hollywood **2.30** Citizens **3.00** News **3.08** News About Britain **3.15** World Today **3.30** *Discovery* **4.30** *Six Four Eight* **4.35** Financial News **4.45** Morgenmagazin **5.45** World Today.

Radio 3

6.55 Weather forecast
7.00 Morning Concert: Mozart (*Marriage of Figaro* overture: Kleiber with NBC SO), Chopin (Introduction and Polonaise brillante: Leonard Rose, cello, and Samuel Sanders, piano), Bach (Concerto in D minor, BWV 1043: Grumiaux, violin; Krebbers, violin; with Les Solistes Romands under Gerecz) **7.30** News
7.35 Concert (continued): Handel (Arrival of the Queen of Sheba: St Paul CO under Zukerman), Beethoven (Leonora No 1 overture: Cleveland Orchestra), Mendelssohn (music from A Midsummer Night's Dream: Cleveland under Szell), Fauré (Pie Jesu, from the Requiem: Norma Burrowes, soprano, with CBSO under Frémaux), Tchaikovsky (Hamlet fantasy-overture: New York Stadium SO under Stokowski) **8.30** News
8.35 Composers of the Week: Mozart. Piano Trio in G, K 496 (Frankl, Pauk and Kirshbaum), *Ch'io mi scordi di te?* (Kiri Te Kanawa, with Vienna CO), and the K 505 version of the same aria (Berganza, soprano, with *LSO under Prichard—*
9.30 Piero Coppola Conducts: the Paris Conservatoire Orchestra perform d'Indy's Istar; Louis Aubert's *Habanera;* and Debussy's Iberia
10.10 Bliss: Delmé String Quartet play the Quartet in B flat
10.45 Byron's Hebrew Melodies: Ameral Gunson (mezzo), and Paul Hamburger (piano). The works include The harp the monarch minstrel swept; Francisca; *and It is the hour*
11.220 Concert: BBC Scottish SO under Jerzy Maksymiuk, with John Lill (piano). Mozart (Il Seraglio overture), Prokofiev (Piano Concerto No 2; and the Classical Symphony), Stravinsky (The Firebird suite, 1945). Interval reading at **12.00**
1.00 News bulletin
1.05 Oboe and piano music: Sarah Francis and Richard Nunn perform Arnold Cooke's Sonata, 1962; Peter Aston's Three Pieces for Solo Oboe; and Pierre Sancan's Sonatine
1.40 Drottningholm Baroque Ensemble: includes Telemann's Don Quixote suite; Handel's cantata Nel dolce dell'oblio; Babell's Concerto in E minor for flute, strings and continuo; and Johan Helmich Roman's *Drottningholmsmusik suite*
3.00 Piano music: Peter Bradley-Fulgoni plays Brahms's Four Pieces, Op 119; Tchaikovsky's Barcarolle: June (The Seasons), and Prokofiev's Sonata No 3
3.30 Jacqueline du Pré: the cellist in recordings of the Haydn Concerto in D (LSO under Barbirolli): Beethoven's Variations on Bei Männern, from Magic Flute (with Barenboim, piano), and Dvorak's Concerto in G minor (Chicago SO under Daniel Barenboim)
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: recorded music, presented by Graham Fawcett
6.30 In the Shadow of the Condor: Peguche Ensemble play music from Ecuador. Introduced by Lucy Duran
7.00 News bulletin
7.05 The Third Ear: *Paul Bailey* interviews V.S. Pritchett
7.30 Hansel and Gretel: live transmission of the English National Opera production *of the Humperdinck* opera.Sung in English. Mark Elder conducts. Cast is headed by Ethna Robinson (Hansel), Cathryn Pope (*Gretel*), Felicity Palmer (Mother), Norman Bailey (Father) and Susan Bullock (Sandman). Acts 1 and 2. Act three begins at **8.50,** *with Joe Melia reading the* Grimm version of Hansel and Gretel at **8.35** (see Choice)
9.45 Stravinsky and *Shostakovich: New Zurich* String Quartet play Stravinsky's Concertino, and Shostakovich's String Quartet No 3
10.25 *Trees and Woods: Susan* Tomes (piano) plays Brian Chapple's arrangement of Oscar Rasbach's Trees. Also Chapple's Trees Revisited, and Schumann's Waldszenen, Op 82
11.00 Composers of the Week: Purcell. Recordings including Pavan No 5 in G minor (Academy of Ancient Music), the Witches' Scene and Dido's Lament from Dido and Aeneas (with *soloists Kirkby, Noorman,* Van Evera, and Bevan); and excerpts from Act 2 of Bonduca (with soloists Lane, Bowman, Hill, Keyte, Taverner Choir, and Academy of Ancient Music)
11.30 Byron: second of five nightcaps, based on his letters and journals. Read by Jonathan Hyde
12.00 News **12.05** Closedown

Radio 4

LW (long wave). (s) Stereo on VHF
5.55 Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer (s)
6.30 Today, incl **6.30, 7.30, 8.30** News **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather
7.00 and **8.00** News **7.20** Letters **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.35** Yesterday in Parliament **8.57** Weather; Travel
9.00 News Bulletin
9.05 Call Nick Ross: the weekly phone-in. The number to call is 01-580 4411
10.00 News; Medicine Now: presented by Geoff Watts
10.30 Morning Story: The Way to the Dairy, by Saki. The reader is Brian Gear
10.45 Daily Service: *New Every Morning,* page 54 (s)
11.00 News; Travel; Citizens (the first of this week's two episodes of Aarthi)
11.25 From Our Own Correspondent: reports from BBC reporters based overseas
11.50 Nine Encounters in *Australia:* Daniel Snowman in a discussion with Prof Don Aitkin, an educationalist who looks to Korea for a good example
12.00 News; You and Yours: with Susan Rae
12.25 The Spy Who Came in From The Cold, by John Le Carré, dramatized in six parts (2). With Colin Blakely as Alec Leamas, and Janet Maw as Liz Gold (r) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World At One
1.40 *The Archers.* **1.55** *Shipping* Forecast
2.00 News; Woman's Hour: introduced by Jenni Murray. Includes Jenny Cuffe's *report into secret medical* tests in which, without patients giving their consent, they are used as guinea pigs. Plus the twelfth episode of Fiela's Child
3.00 News; Dreams of Tigers; play by Peter Myers: with Brian Glover, David Bartlett and James Snell heading the cast. Drama about a father and son who go camping (s)
3.32 Comparing Notes: Richard *Baker in conversation with* trombonist Don Lusher and trumpeter Philip Jones
4.00 News Bulletin
4.05 The Local Network: Neil Walker and David Clayton link up with local radio stations around the country and examine the practice of twinning towns and the advantages it brings.
4.30 Kaleidoscope: items include the Simon Rattle recording of The Dream of Gerontius; and the winners of Kaleidoscope's Christmas competition, Collied Spoke (r)
5.00 PM **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 News, incl Financial Report
6.30 The Million-Pound Radio Show: Comedy, written, and presented by Andy Hamilton and Nick Revell, *with Felicity* Montagu and Jasper Jacob
7.00 News Bulletin
7.05 The Archers
7.20 Children of the Reich: Diane Goodman examines the debate in West Germany about the effects of the Nazi era on those growing up after the war (see Choice)
8.00 *Love Is...? Richard Anthony* Bakers samples the view of Barbara Cartland, Lee Remick and others (s)
8.30 Darlings Of the Theatre: The *last of three programmes in* which Liz Holmes examines the changing role of the actress of the British stage over the past century. Tonight: Nothing to do with Ego
9.15 In Touch: magazine for the visually handicapped
9.45 Kaleidoscope: introduced by Christopher Cook. Includes items on the Jonathan Miller production of Andromache at the Old Vic; and the Whitbread Book of the Year
10.15 A Book at Bedtime: *Bevis,* by Richard Jefferies (twelfth of 15 episodes). Read by Michael Williams (r) **10.29** Weather
10.30 *The World Tonight:* presented by Alexander MacLeod
11.15 The Financial World Tonight
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00 News; Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast
VHF as above except: **11.00am-12.00** For Schools. **11.00** Time and Tune **11.20** Time to Move **11.40** Pictures in your Mind (Stories) **1.55-3.00pm** For Schools. **1.55** Listening Corner **2.05** History Lost and Found **2.25** *Mainstream GCSE* **5.50-5.55** PM (continued) **12.30-1.10am** Schools Night-Time. Help Yourself to A-Level Physics **12.30** Light: Particles of Waves? **12.50** The *Electric Field*

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Adventurer adopts child of man who saved him

John Ridgway, the adventurer, has adopted the daughter of a man who saved his life in South America 18 years ago.

"I led an expedition to the headwaters of the Amazon in 1970", Mr Ridgway, of Ardmore in Scotland, said yesterday. "That trip was a tough one, and it was to change my whole life. I met a wonderful man called Elvin Berg, who lived in the Peruvian mountains. I would not be alive today but for him. He saved my life on the Amazon, and we became close friends.

"In 1985, I decided to go back to Peru. I longed to see Elvin Berg again, and I had talked so much about this man who had saved my life that my wife, Marie-Christine, and our daughter, Rebecca, both wanted to meet him.

"When we eventually arrived at Elvin's village, we learnt that he had been killed by guerrillas.

"We learnt that Elvin had a daughter, Elizabeth, by a Quechua Indian. She was being cared for by her grandparents. When we met them, they pleaded with us to take Elizabeth back to Europe. We discussed it and decided to adopt Elizabeth, who was then six years old. I felt I owed it to Elvin."

After lengthy legal negotiations, approval was granted by the Peruvian authorities, and the adoption papers were finalised last week.

Mr Ridgway, himself an orphan, said: "Elizabeth already calls us "Mamma", and "Daddy".



John Ridgway and his wife Marie-Christine, with Elizabeth, the orphan they have legally adopted (Story and photograph: Stephen Markeson).

Parents' plea to Thatcher

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

Sick children waiting for operations at the Birmingham Children's Hospital yesterday descended on 10 Downing Street, clutching teddy bears, to plead for extra staff and resources for life-saving heart surgery.

Dozens of parents and children, one in a wheelchair, travelled from Birmingham by coachto present the Prime Minister with a petition signed by 60,000 people and a letter calling for action to avoid further cancelled operations. Mrs Thatcher did not appear.

The parents' letter to Mrs Thatcher said that many lives were being put at risk and called for training programmes, more money set aside to employ intensive care staff, and the dedication of intensive care beds at the Birmingham hospital for heart surgery.

Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, attacked Mrs Thatcher for not seeing the children, and praised the Birmingham families for dramatizing the situation.

"It means that a lot more people now understand the pressing need that exists", he said.

In Glasgow, more than 2,000 protesting nurses and ancillary staff yesterday failed to stop Greater Glasgow Health Board from agreeing to put hospital cleaning and catering services out to competitive tender.

Health unions said that a big campaign of opposition would be instigated immediately. Industrial action will be discussed at a meeting of the Scottish Trades Union Congress today.

The board said after a two-hour meeting that it regarded a letter from the Scottish Office on competitive tendering as an instruction and that services at Glasgow's 40 hospitals should be the subject of bids by private companies and contractors.

Savings of £2 million a year have been achieved and the board expects to double that by putting services out to tender.

● The liver transplant programme at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, was saved from suspension yesterday by a last-minute pledge of £230,000 from the East Anglian regional health authority.

● Gogarburn, Edinburgh's biggest hospital for the mentally handicapped, was yesterday described as "a mess" yesterday after a walk-out by ancillary staff who were joined by some nurses.

Cleaning up on £40 a week

By John Spicer, Employment Affairs Correspondent

Mr David Rafferty is believed to be the country's most successful businessman still entitled to the £40-a-week enterprise allowance.

In the nine months since Mr Rafferty, aged 33, who was unemployed, applied for the grant and started his own company, he has seen his business grow from almost zero to a turnover of £560,000. By the end of this year he hopes to have raised that to about £1 million.

Mr Rafferty, who is entitled to continue drawing the enterprise allowance until April 1, has inspectors from the scheme visiting him every three months to see if he is still in business.

"They are very impressed with the way things are going", he said.

He left his job with a contract cleaning company and decided to go into the same business on his own in November 1986.

For five months he struggled without work, applied for the £40 a week allowance and went on an enterprise agency induction course for budding entrepreneurs in his home town of Newcastle upon Tyne.

"Some people there seemed to regard it just as a supplement to their unemployment money", he said.

The secret of Mr Rafferty's success was that he "saw a gap" in the market and offered his services to British Telecom to contract-clean telephone kiosks in Edinburgh.

The deal was signed and since then Mr Rafferty has taken on a full-time staff, which he expects to number 50 by next month, and about 100 part-time staff.

He said that previously, kiosk cleaning was being done at night, but he decided to make it a high-profile operation so that people would see the work being done.

His firm, Superior Cleaning Specialists, will soon be going nationwide, Mr Rafferty said.

Mr Rafferty says he has been lucky with his business contacts in the short time he has run his own company. He got financial backing from Lake Simmons, part of the Henderson Hyatt group, the London investment company, once his first cleaning contract was signed, and hired a fleet of 10 vans.

The Manpower Services Commission, which runs the enterprise allowance scheme, said there were certainly no penalties for being successful.

"We love to hear of these stories. If the allowance was withdrawn once a company reached a certain level of business, it might inhibit expansion".

Commons sketch

Chart-topper with car horn backing

On the day when Radio 1 disc jockeys were forced to stop talking so that more music might be played, MPs jabbered happily on, without a good tune in sight.

First Hot Hit came from Mr Peter Walker, a rave from the grave who has now taken to recording a Song of the Wales in a last-ditch attempt to regain his former glory.

Forsaking his old, slippers-by-the-fireside approach for a heavier, punchier sound, he belted out his latest hit, "Load of Nonsense", to a thinly-packed audience.

The chorus, repeated after each opposition verse, goes: "That's a load of nonsense/ I suggest he studies the facts/ It really is a load of nonsense", leading up to a final burst of "Coming from the Honourable Gentleman/ I find that a bit thick", with a fade-out repetition of health service statistics from 1978, that classic watershed year.

Though his comeback still seems a long way off, Junior Walker, now known as Senior Walker, might well appeal to the nostalgia market.

Amid rumours of the break-up of "The Liberals" group, the climax of a full 40 years of farewell concerts, Mr Alan Beith, second fiddle in this all-wind combo, staged a solo performance under the billing of Member answering for the House of Commons Commission.

While Mr Beith whistled gently away, Mr Dennis Skinner came in with some enthusiastic backing on cymbals, drums, car-horn and broken bottles. "Some of the House of Commons staff are being treated, particularly by some Tory MPs, as if it was upstairs and downstairs", he roared and banged.

Underneath his backing, Mr Beith's tin-whistle could just be heard: perhaps he should take his complaint to the Head of the Refreshment Staff.

In the first of a routine medley of drum-solos, Mr Skinner gave a spirited rendition of that fine old classic, "It's a Cover-Up!" while veteran disc jockey Mister Speaker came in with his well-loved catchphrase, "Order! Order!".

Those who took the trouble to decipher Skinner's lyrics discovered that "It's a Cover-Up!" was about the pulping of the Commons House magazine, though the exact reasons were drowned out by the disc jockey's voice. With Mr Tambourine Dalyell on rhythm, The Pulping of the House Magazine seems set to bubble under the Commons Complaints charts for many days to come.

But it was a novelty number that was set to steal the day. Leader of the Pack Mr John Wakeham introduced a motion announcing the gift of a Vice-Regal chair to the Parliament of Australia to mark the Bicentenary.

Mr Frank Dobson, swaying to and fro, wondered whether they should be celebrating "the carrying away of British citizens in most degrading circumstances and dumping them in Australia", a protest-song sung in homely style by an old-fashioned all-round family entertainer.

Mr Eric Heffer didgeridooed a lengthy protest on behalf of the Aborigines, but the audience began to grow restless. "If Honourable Members are not interested I can assure you that THAT will be conveyed to the people of Australia", he warbled. Mr Richard Holt stepped from out of the chorus to describe the Bicentenary as a "joyous occasion".

Suddenly, everyone wanted to trill their own words to the central tune. Mr Tony Banks wished to protest "on behalf of many, many animal lovers against the cruel slaughter of kangaroos and horses shot by people leaning out of helicopters".

Mr Tambourine Dalyell went Country-and-Western with a verse detailing the escapades of his dissenting Dalyell descendants, all shipped down under. They would find it "mighty hard", he twanged, "that Parliament was doing this".

Back for a final wail came Mr Skinner. Who was going to take the vice-regal chair to Australia? If it was to be the Liberals, would it be the official wing, the provisional wing or the unofficial wing? "And one last plea - don't put me on the list and don't send Sir Robert Armstrong!"

From the Conservative platform came barely a warble: contrary to all the laws of nature, in the House of Commons today it is only Reds who sing the Blues.

Craig Brown

Government can justify some breaches of trust

By Frances Gibb
Legal Afairs Correspondent

The renewed attempt to secure a permanent ban on the book *Spycatcher* opened yesterday with an admission by the Government that there are circumstances when a breach of confidence can be justified.

Mr Robert Alexander, QC, for the Attorney General, said: "We have always recognized that there can be situations in which there is just cause or excuse for breaking confidence. But, on the tests usually applied by the courts, this is not such a case."

Sir Robert Armstrong, former Cabinet Secretary and the Government's chief witness, has maintained throughout the proceedings for a ban on the memoirs of Mr Peter Wright, former MI5 officer, that there are no circumstances when a breach of confidence by a member of the security services is justified.

His stance was strongly criticized as "absolute" by Mr Justice Scott in his ruling last month favouring *The Sunday Times*, *The Guardian* and the *Observer*.

Mr Alexander also said the press had suggested that the Crown's aim was to narrow the boundaries of press freedom. That was not so.

The courts had always upheld the duty of confidence between an employee and his employer, and no employment required greater trust and secrecy than the work of the Security Services.

Rather there might be "one or two ways" in which the press tried "to alter the accepted boundaries between the rights of Government and citizens on the one hand and the press on the other", he said.

There had been a "clearly expressed dislike" in the press for what was called "the prior restraint" of the Government applying for interim injunctions to prevent publication. *The Sunday Times* had relied on the position in the United States, where it was almost impossible to obtain an injunction preventing newspaper publication.

In publishing extracts from *Spycatcher* in July, Mr Andrew Neil, *The Sunday Times* editor, took the greatest care to preserve secrecy about the publication because he believed the law might well restrain him from publishing if the Government had the chance to intervene.

The Attorney General, Sir Patrick Mayhew, QC, is contesting Mr Justice Scott's refusal to impose a permanent ban on press reports of material from the book.

"The Crown challenges this application of what, it will submit, are different standards as between the private citizen on one hand and the press on the other", he said at the start of the appeal, expected to last eight days.

Mr Alexander also attacked last month's High Court ruling as creating different standards for the private citizen and the press.

It had resulted in a position where "it is unlawful for Peter Wright to circulate or publish his memoirs but it is lawful for the media to do so".

Mr Alexander told Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Dillon and Lord Justice Bingham that the approach adopted by Mr Justice Scott "substantially eroded" the value of any protection which could be obtained against Mr Wright.

It had been hailed by Mr Peter Preston, editor of *The Guardian*, as a "resounding victory for press freedom".

Mr Justice Scott, Mr Alexander said, had expressed the strong view that Peter Wright was in "flagrant and continuing" breach of confidence and his duty to the Crown.

He had upheld the "essential" principle for which the Crown contended; he was satisfied that the publication by Mr Wright of his memoirs was not in the public interest and that the importance of the principle which the Crown sought to protect had been established.

Yet the judge reached conclusions about the newspapers — that they were free to publish — which substantially eroded the principle which he had sought to uphold against Mr Wright.

The hearing continues.

£5m boost for Hotol

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ferences between the European agency and the American National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Nasa, over the freedom of European countries for their scientists and technologists to use a pressurized laboratory and workshop built for the European Space Agency.

After more than a year's negotiations, officials from the two space agencies were believed to have "shaken hands" on an agreement at the weekend.

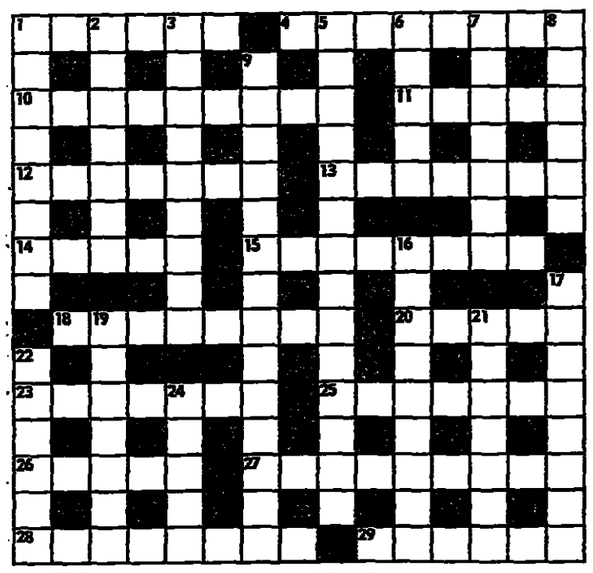
Work on Hotol and Columbus is not linked, but advisers to the Department of Trade and Industry hope the Government could announce a decision on both projects in a response to expected criticism in a Lords select committee report on science and technology.

The Lords are expected to offer the Government the choice of spending more or pulling out of space technology.

Members of the committee showed enormous interests in Hotol when they were taking evidence from experts, and they seem certain to propose that the next stage of work is pursued more agressively.

Mr Alan Bond, the inventor of the Hotol engine, said he would be encouraged for the prospects of the space plane if the Government backed an enabling programme. Last year, Mr Bond threatened to take his ideas abroad if the Government refused to continue support for new space technologies.

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ACROSS

1 Household truism apparently (6)
4 Coteries organised in secret (8)
10 Poet or poet's mighty man (9)
11 Tied up in vault (5)
12 This topaz is false — it's yellow (7)
13 Settled what one owes — not before time (7)
14 Like a small dwelling in Berkshire? (5)
15 At cards with her Cupid unable to see the outcome (8)
18 Unused ticket for bridge (8)
20 Belief expressed in sacred oratorio (5)
23 In this motion Venus has backing of Apollo (7)
25 Announce computer issue (4-3)
26 Porridge for running amok with Luger (5)
27 Make graceful departure, moving at a comfortable pace (4-5)
28 Set off for school in time (8)
29 Cover for conventional arms (6)

DOWN

1 An enchanting Scots lad, John *Wellington Wells* (8)
2 Relating to blue and white flowers (7)
3 Talk a lot more apt for artisan *(3-6)*
5 Pinkerton, Wellington and Nell Gwyn? (14)
6 The company stand (5)
7 Collect to add a bit more (5,2)
8 Club thinkers use? (6)
9 Rude awakening after royal kiss? (14)
16 A royal convert left in Russia (9)
17 Play House in picture showing University (8)
19 By tube to Holborn (7)
21 Exciting display of key design (7)
22 Put on weight and years (6)
24 Athenian without assistance on All Saint's Day (5)

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WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

BELAMY
a. A friend
b. Innocuous nightshade
c. An umpire at real tennis

METAGROBOLIZE
a. To mystify
b. To use as a catalyst
c. To philosophize like Grobol

FACTNOROUS
a. Easy to perform
b. Baked from cereal
c. Wicked

ADGE
a. A double-headed axe
b. To borrow without returning
c. Frustration

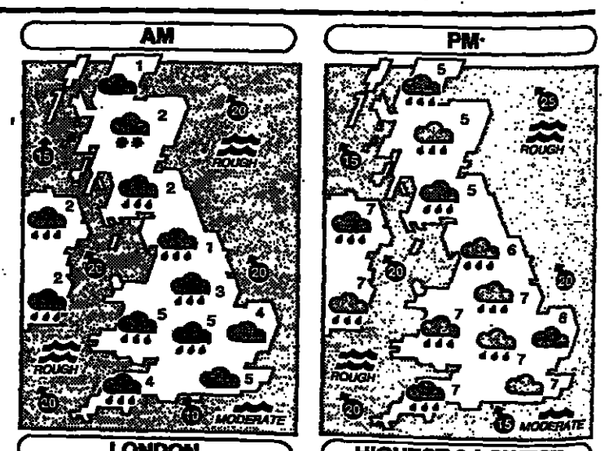
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WEATHER

Rain over much of southern Britain will spread north and turn to snow over higher ground, particularly in Scotland. Northern isles will stay generally bright with showers. Over southern Britain there will be some heavy rain at times but conditions will generally become clearer and showery later in the day. The south east will stay mainly dry with occasional outbreaks of rain. Outlook: becoming cold and showery.



ABROAD

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; sl, sleet; t, thunder.

		C	F			C	F
Amst'dm	c	4	39	Malta	f	17	63
Athens	s	13	55	Miami*	c	23	73
Barbados*	s	28	82	Montreal*	c	5	41
Barcelna	f	12	54	Moscow	sn	-7	19
Berlin	c	3	37	Munich	f	4	39
Brussels	c	4	39	Naples	f	14	57
B Aires*	r	25	77	N Delhi	s	19	66
Cairo	c	15	59	N York*	f	4	39
Cape Tn	f	28	77	Paris	d	6	43
Ch'church	c	16	61	Peking	s	5	41
Cologne	c	3	37	Prague	c	1	34
C'hagn	c	3	37	Reykjvk	sn	-3	27
Corfu	s	15	59	Rhodes	s	14	57
Dublin	c	2	36	Salzburg	fg	3	37
Faro	s	15	59	S Prisco*	r	9	48
Florence	f	15	59	Santiago*	s	24	75
Frankfurt	c	4	39	Seoul	s	1	34
Geneva	fg	3	37	Singapr	f	28	82
Helsinki	sn	-2	28	Strasbrg	c	5	41
Hong K	c	16	61	Sydney	c	23	73
Innsbruck	s	7	45	Tel aviv	c	14	57
Istanbul	s	7	45	Tokyo	s	9	48
Jeddah	s	26	79	Toronto*	c	5	41
Jo'burg	s	23	73	Valencia	r	11	52
L Palmas	c	18	64	Warsaw	sn	0	32
Lisbon	s	14	57	Wash'tonf	s	4	39
Luxembg	fg	1	34	Wellton	c	16	61
Madrid	f	11	52	Zurich	c	3	37

* denotes Sunday's figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	-	.29	6	43	dull
Bridlington	-	.23	6	43	cloudy
Cromer	-	.03	6	43	cloudy
Margate	-	-	6	43	dull
Folkestone	-	-	7	45	cloudy
Hastings	-	-	7	45	cloudy
Worthing	-	-	7	45	cloudy
Bognor R	-	-	7	45	cloudy
Southsea	0.6	-	8	46	cloudy
Shanklin	-	-	7	45	cloudy
Bournemth	0.5	-	8	46	cloudy
Swanage	2.1	-	8	46	bright
Exmouth	-	-	8	46	cloudy
Teignmouth	-	-	9	48	cloudy
Torquay	-	-	8	46	cloudy
Scilly Isles	-	.02	10	50	dull
Ilfracombe	-	.07	9	48	dull
Morecambe	-	.28	5	41	drizzle
Douglas	-	.22	5	41	rain
Carlisle	-	.07	3	37	cloudy
Nottingham	-	.19	6	43	drizzle
Anglesey	-	.26	6	43	rain
Aviemore	4.1	-	1	34	sunny
Kinloss	5.5	-	4	39	sunny
Lerwick	0.4	.03	3	37	snow
Stornoway	4.4	-	5	41	sunny
Wick	5.1	-	5	41	sunny

* Denotes figures not available

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	1.27	8.7	1.55	7.0
Aberdeen	1.00	4.2	1.10	4.4
Avonmouth	7.08	12.9	7.36	13.0
Belfast	10.44	3.6	11.12	3.6
Cardiff	6.54	11.9	7.20	12.0
Devonport	5.51	5.6	6.23	5.4
Dover	10.52	6.4	11.23	6.6
Falmouth	5.21	5.4	5.53	5.2
Glasgow	12.14	4.6	12.37	4.9
Harwich	11.47	3.9	—	—
Holyhead	10.07	5.7	10.36	5.5
Hull	6.14	7.1	6.25	7.3
Ilfracombe	5.47	9.1	6.14	9.1
Leith	2.21	5.4	5.04	5.5
Liverpool	11.06	9.4	2.36	9.4
Lowestoft	9.19	2.4	9.24	2.5
Margate	—	—	12.03	4.7
Milford Haven	8.05	7.0	8.32	7.0
Newquay	4.58	7.0	5.22	7.0
Oban	5.45	4.0	6.14	3.9
Penzance	4.47	5.7	5.20	5.5
Portland	6.54	2.8	7.22	2.1
Portsmouth	11.19	4.6	11.49	4.7
Shoreham	10.59	6.3	11.38	6.3
Southampton	10.41	4.4	11.19	4.5
Swansea	8.11	9.4	8.38	9.4
Tees	3.29	5.3	3.41	5.6
W'ton-on-Nze	11.39	4.1	11.58	4.0

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.28ft. Times are GMT

THE POUND

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.58	2.45
Austria Sch	21.75	20.65
Belgium Fr	64.70	61.50
Canada $	2.37	2.25
Denmark Kr	11.88	11.28
Finland Mkk	7.57	7.17
France Fr	10.41	9.91
Germany Dm	3.055	2.935
Greece Dr	239	223
Hong Kong $	14.25	13.55
Ireland Pt	1.167	1.107
Italy Lira	2265	2155
Japan Yen	240	228
Netherlands Gld	3.47	3.30
Norway Kr	11.80	11.20
Portugal Esc	253	240
South Africa Rd	4.58	3.98
Spain Pta	208.25	198.25
Sweden Kr	11.13	10.58
Switzerland Fr	2.515	2.395
USA $	1.85	1.75
Yugoslavia Dar	2750	2650

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

Retail Price Index: 103.3 (December)

London: The *FT* index closed up 3.4 at 1448.1.

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 8C (46F); min 6 pm to 6 am,3C (37F) Humidity: 6 pm, 79 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, trace. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 0.2 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1014.9 millibars, falling. 1,000 millibars=29.53in.

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	fg	1	34	Guernsey	c	5	41
Bmingham	c	6	43	Inverness	s	1	34
Blackpool	c	5	41	Jersey	c	8	43
Bristol	f	8	46	London	c	7	45
Cardiff	c	9	48	M'chester	f	5	41
Edinburgh	s	1	34	Newcastle	c	2	36
Glasgow	f	0	32	Shaldeway	f	4	39

HIGHEST & LOWEST

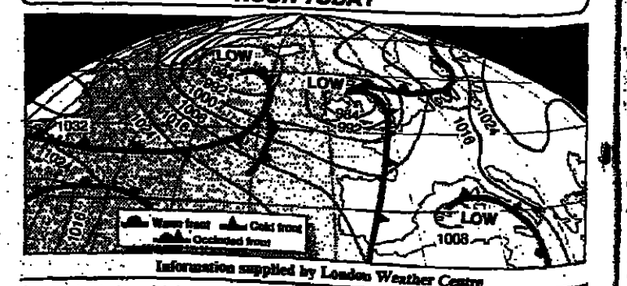
Sunday: Highest day temp: Isles of Scilly, 12C (54F); lowest day max: Nornholt and Stansted, Essex, 2C (36F); highest rainfall: Tiree, Hebrides, 0.53 in; highest sunshine: Guernsey, 6.8 hr.

LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 4.56 pm to 7.26 am
Bristol 5.06 pm to 7.35 am
Edinburgh 4.47 pm to 7.59 am
Manchester 4.56 pm to 7.43 am
Penzance 5.23 pm to 7.42 am

Sun rises: 7.57 am — Sun sets: 4.26 pm
Moon rises: 8.41 am — Moon sets: 4.35 pm
New Moon 5.26 am

NOON TODAY



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STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1440.1 (+3.4)

FT-SE 100
1790.0 (+3.3)

Bargains
29870 (27832)

USM (Datastream)
145.44 (+0.35)

THE POUND

US dollar
1.7720 (–0.0070)

W German mark
2.9787 (+0.0015)

Trade-weighted
74.7 (same)

Dollar inches ahead

The dollar made further small gains against European currencies in foreign exchange markets yesterday, but it eased back against the yen ahead of today's Japanese trade figures for December.

In London the dollar closed 75 points above its weekend close against the mark, at *DM1.6810*, but slipped 45 points against the yen, to Y129.95. The pound fell 60 points against the dollar, to $1.7720, and 8 points against the mark, to DM2.9827.

Asda slows

Asda-MFI, the superstore operator, disappointed the market by reporting pretax profits up 10 per cent at £94.8 million. Turnover advanced from £1.4 billion to £1.5 billion. An interim dividend of 1.6p was declared (1.37p).

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Smith interim

David S Smith Holdings, the paper and packaging company, made pretax profits of £14.54 million in the half year to end-October, a rise of 53 per cent on a turnover up 38 per cent. The interim dividend is up 20 per cent, to 2.1p.

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Evode up 15%

Evode Group, the speciality chemicals company, reported a 15 per cent rise in pretax profits to £6.2 million for the year to end-September.

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SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

New York
Dow Jones ..... 1959.55 (+3.48)*
Tokyo
Nikkei Average 22910.20 (+308.55)
Hong Kong:
Hang Seng ..... 2512.19 (+82.42)
Amsterdam: Gen ..... 220.1 (+9.7)
Sydney: AO ..... 1293.3 (+15.8)
Frankfurt:
Commerzbank ..... 1290.8 (+61.9)
Brussels:
General ..... n/a
Paris: CAC ..... 277.8 (+7.0)
Zurich: SKA Gen ..... 420.4 (+12.1)
London:
FT-A All-Share ..... 912.60 (+3.24)
FT-"500" ..... 1004.60 (+3.38)
FT Gold Mines ..... 283.4 (–11.1)
FT Fixed Interest ..... 94.42 (–0.13)
FT Govt Secs ..... 88.45 (+0.49)

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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:
Body Shop ..... 865p (+25p)
Manser ..... 590p (+50p)
Vibroplant ..... 625p (+20p)
Calor Group ..... 490p (+27p)
LASMO ..... 320½p (+14p)
Schroder ..... 925p (+25p)
WPP ..... 477½p (+15p)
Henderson Admin ..... 740p (+15p)
Thames TV ..... 392½p (+15p)
Anglia Sec ..... 417½p (+20p)
Caffyns ..... 452½p (+25p)
Lucas ..... 623½p (+28p)
Int Thomson ..... 515p (+30p)
Parker Knoll 'A' ..... 675p (+20p)
Lamont ..... 267½p (+17p)
Great Portland ..... 284½p (+14p)

FALLS:
Hardanger ..... 600p (–25p)
BOC ..... 398½p (–17p)
UK Land ..... 425p (–25p)
Standard Chart ..... 520p (–15p)
Closing prices

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 8½%
3-month interbank 9-8⅝%
3-month eligible bills: 8 15/32-8 13/32%
buying rate
US: Prime Rate 8¾%
Federal Funds n/a
3-month Treasury Bills 5.88-5.87%*
30-year bonds 101 3/32-101⅛*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.7720	£: $1.7735*
£: DM2.9787	$: DM1.6805*
£: SwFr2.4338	$: SwFr1.3715*
£: FFr10.0667	$: FFr5.6720*
£: Yen230.27	$: Yen130.05*
£: Index:74.7	$: Index:95.1
ECU £0.692839	SDR £0.760164

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $475.85 pm-$475.40
close $475.00-475.50 (£268.25-268.75)
New York:
Comex $476.20-476.70*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Feb) pm $16.45bbl ($16.55)
* Denotes latest trading price

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Guinness 'in secret deal'

High Court told of Distillers share buy

By Lawrence Lever

Guinness agreed a secret deal with a Swiss company to induce it to purchase 10 million Distillers shares in the final stages of its bid for the Scottish drinks group, the High Court heard yesterday.

Details of the deal are documented in a letter from the Swiss company Pipetec AG addressed to Mr Thomas Ward, at that time a Guinness director, at the company's Portman Square headquarters.

The letter, dated April 18, 1986, the day that Guinness won control of Distillers, was read out in open court yesterday. It purports to spell out the terms of an indemnity and other monies which Mr Ward had agreed Guinness would pay to Pipetec in return for it purchasing 10 million Distillers shares.

It also contains what purports to be the signature of Mr Ward, confirming his agreement to the terms.

However, the court was also told that only one day earlier Mr Olivier Roux, the former Guinness finance director, had assured the Takeover Panel in writing that Guinness had made no financial arrangements with the purchaser of the 10 million shares. This letter, signed by Mr Roux on behalf of Guinness, was also read out.

Guinness is challenging the Panel's ruling that the purchaser of the 10 million Distillers shares was acting in concert with it.

It is seeking a declaration that the ruling is unfair and unlawful, claiming that the Panel has acted prematurely, without having the totality of the evidence available to it.

The Panel's ruling, if upheld, could mean that Guinness has to make an extra payment to former Distillers

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shareholders which Guinness considers would not exceed £100 million.

The 10 million shares, amounting to 3 per cent of Distillers, were purchased from Warburg Investment Management through Cazenove & Co, joint brokers to Guinness, on April 17 1986, and had a key influence on the outcome of the bid. The rival Argyll camp complained to the Takeover Panel, saying that it wanted to know who the purchasers were.

The court heard how the Panel contacted Mr David Mayhew of Cazenove. Mr David Oliver QC, counsel for Guinness, said that Mr Mayhew told the Panel that his instructions had come from Bank Leu in Switzerland, which he felt was acting as an agent rather than a principal.

Dr Arthur Fürer, the then chairman of Bank Leu, was also a director of Guinness at the time.

According to Mr Oliver, Mr Mayhew referred the Panel to a Mr Bauman of Bank Leu, who in turn put him in touch with a Mr Frey, the managing director of Pipetec. He claimed that Pipetec was an investment company which had no connection with either Guinness or Distillers.

The Panel then asked Mr Roger Seelig, of Morgan Grenfell, advisers to Guinness, for written assurances from Guinness and Morgan Grenfell that there were no arrangements or side deals between Guinness and Pipetec.

Mr Oliver said that Mr Seelig replied that he would be happy for Guinness to give such an assurance. This produced the letter from Mr Roux to the Panel.

The crucial letters

Full text of the letter from Guinness to the Director General of the Takeover Panel on April 17, 1986

CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Sir,

DISTILLERS

You have asked us to write to you with respect to the reported purchase today of approximately 10 million shares of Distillers through Cazenove & Co. We have spoken to Cazenoves and can confirm that the purchaser is not a subsidiary or associated company of Guinness, that such shares were not bought for our account and that we have made no financial arrangements with the purchaser with respect to such shares (including any arrangement linked to the sale of Distillers' listed investments).

Yours faithfully,
Olivier Roux,
For and on behalf of Guinness PLC

Full text of letter from Pipetec to Guinness director Mr Thomas Ward on April 18, 1986, countersigned on receipt by Mr Ward

Pipetec AG
Lucerne
Dear Mr Ward,
We are pleased to confirm our yesterday's telephone conversation with Mr W Frey as follows:

We, Pipetec AG, Lucerne, Switzerland, have upon respective instructions received from yourself bought Distillers shares on the London Stock Exchange in an aggregate value of 75,612,149.38 pounds sterling.
Guinness PLC London on the other hand undertakes to:

a. to pay us an upfront arrangement fee of 47,250 pounds sterling.

b. repurchase from us the shares bought as per above (or the respective securities issued by Guinness PLC upon conversion as the case may be) within sixty days at a price determined by adding:

(1) the original price;

(2) commissions, fees and other costs charged in London in connection with such purchase;

(3) the taxes levied in Switzerland for securities transactions of 0.33% flat (ie 0.165% each for purchase and sale of the shares);

(4) our commission of 0.1% flat calculated on the purchase price and;

(5) our refinancing cost for the period from the purchase of the shares to their sale on the basis of our actual funding cost plus a margin of one eighth percent per annum.

We ask you to kindly confirm your agreement with the above by returning to us the enclosed duplicate of this letter duly signed on behalf of Guinness PCL.

Yours faithfully,
Dr F Burger
(signed) Thomas J Ward



Mine host: Trusthouse Forte chairman Rocco Forte at the Waldorf Hotel yesterday, with Pascale Viala-Delisle of the hotel staff (Photograph: John Rogers)

THF still aiming for Savoy

By Carol Ferguson

Trusthouse Forte, the hotelier and caterer, revealed preliminary results up by a third yesterday, and announced an important assets revaluation. Mr Rocco Forte, the chairman, also reaffirmed his intention to take over the Savoy Hotel group. "The battle for control begins this year," he said.

The battle for control is currently making its way to court where THF will seek to set aside 5.8 per cent of the voting shares which Mr Forte claims were wrongly issued for the purchase of the Lancaster Hotel.

"The shares were issued not to the owner of the hotel, but to a Swiss foundation where the directors are the directors of the Savoy", he said. If the action succeeds, the directors' holdings will fall from just over 50 per cent to just under 45 per cent. THF has 69 per cent of the shares in the company but, because of the complicated voting structure, has only 42.3 per cent of the votes.

Pretax profits for the year were £180 million, boosted by strong performances from the British hotels, and both contract and public catering. The dividend was increased to 7.1p from 6p net. Mr Forte said THF had reduced its dependence on US visitors to London from 45 per cent in 1985 to 25 per cent last year.

A revaluation of about 40 per cent of THF's property portfolio threw up a valuation surplus of £484 million.

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Midland cutback may cost 200 jobs

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

Midland Bank yesterday announced it was pulling out of institutional equity-broking with the loss of up to 200 jobs. It is the last stage in running down the equity operations of Greenwell Montagu Securities, which Midland bought three years ago as W Greenwell, the stockbroker.

The operation is almost certain to be closed down, although Midland said that it had engaged Phoenix Securities to look for a buyer for parts of Greenwell Montagu, such as the corporate finance operation.

Midland said some of the employees in the equity-broking operation would be found jobs elsewhere in the group and some may be taken on by James Capel, the broker. More than half, however, were likely to be dismissed. The equity-broking activities involve 28 salesmen, 25 analysts, 22 dealers, six corporate finance experts and 125 back-office staff.

The decision to withdraw from equity-broking was prompted by the link-up with the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation late last year, Midland said. Previously it could only supply its corporate and institutional clients with a full service by retaining the equity operation. But it was now able to direct clients to James Capel, owned by the Hong Kong bank, instead.

In March last year Midland pulled out of equity market-making because it was unprofitable. The result was a steady reduction in staff – from 300 to about 200.

Midland retains an involvement in securities markets through its successful gilt-edged primary dealing operation, a Eurobond and domestic bond trading operation and three separate private client stockbroking operations.

●The job cuts at Greenwell Montagu will push the number of redundancies in City firms announced already this year above 400.

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Chemical Bank may sell home loans offshoot

By Vivien Goldsmith

The £1.2 billion mortgage business of Chemical Bank in Britain may be up for sale.

A decision is due from the US bank within the next four weeks, but already several international banks have expressed an interest.

"It is not definite that they will sell it. They are looking again at the UK," Mr Chris Marney, director of Chemical Bank Home Loans, said.

Chemical Bank is following a policy of retrenchment along with other US banks who have weathered the double blow of Third World debt and poor trading conditions.

Sumitomo Bank of Japan is believed to be heading the field in the race to pick up this valuable slice of the British home loans market won by keen marketing.

It entered the British home loans market 15 months ago. "We would not be prepared to say how large our business is now," Mr Neil Macgregor, assistant general manager reponsible for home loans at Sumitomo, said.

"Our attitude has been that we want to expand by marketing our mortgages through our existing contacts with the life companies. As for any expansion by buying an entire business, I have no idea.

"We are looking at buying securitized loans in the market. People might be confusing the two different issues."

Only last October Chemical Bank announced 170 redundancies among its 950 staff in Britain.

Worried stores look to Budget to revive boom

Retail sales down in December

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Retail sales volume fell last month, casting doubts on the durability of Britain's consumer boom, and confirming the industry's fears that Christmas spending was disappointing.

But strong growth in real incomes and the prospect of sizeable Budget tax cuts should mean continued growth in high street spending, in spite of the December setback.

The volume of retail sales fell by 1.1 per cent to 132.9 (1980=100) last month, from the record levels achieved in November. Spending volume was up by 4.9 per cent on a year ago, against a 12-month rise of 5.1 per cent in November.

For last year as a whole, retail sales volume rose by 5.8 per cent, the biggest increase since the present statistics began in 1971.

Average weekly sales last month were nevertheless a record at £2.74 billion, 8 per cent up on a year earlier, and well above November's £2.23 billion weekly average.

Officials at the Department of Trade and Industry said there was no surprise at the December fall, given the sharp rise in sales in earlier months.

The fall in sales volume last month was due to the seasonal adjustments applied to the figures, the officials added, and it is possible that, in the light of changing spending patterns, the seasonal factors produced a misleading figure. There was a fall in sales volume in December 1986.

The trend in retail sales is still upwards, officials said, and sales volume rose by more than 1 per cent in the fourth quarter to a level 5.5 per cent up on a year earlier.

Retail Sales Volume

	Index (1980=100)	12 Month increase
July	131.2	7.0 %
Aug	132.5	6.9 %
Sept	131.8	5.9 %
Oct	133.0	6.4 %
Nov	134.4	5.1 %
Dec	132.9	4.9 %

Source: Department of Trade & Industry

Mr Richard Weir, director-general of the Retail Consortium, said: "With volume growth a year-on-year 6 per cent, I'm certainly not complaining. These figures confirm that retailers' concerns must be about margins rather than volumes."

Mr Weir said the Christmas shopping period had been characterized by a relatively quiet start to December, followed by a last-minute rush. He remains optimistic about prospects for this year, and predicts volume growth of 5 per cent.

The City saw the figures as an antidote to worries that the economy is overheating, although economists cautioned against reading too much into one month's figures.

"These figures fitted in with our view that he economy reached its peak in the third quarter and is now slowing down," said Mr Andrew Smith, economist at CL-Alexanders Laing & Cruickshank.

Mr Richard Jeffrey, economist at Security Pacific Hoare Govett, said: "Retail sales growth is slowing down slightly, but December is often disappointing."

January crowds ease industry gloom

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

Retailers, their confidence hit by various reports of an easing in sales growth rates, were yesterday keeping their fingers crossed that the latest indications of good January sales might mean the growing gloom over retail sales prospects this year might not be justified.

The gloom has been growing for some time. In October Marks and Spencer announced that in its first half clothing sales had risen only 2 per cent. In November SR Gent, one of its big suppliers, said autumn trading had been disappointing.

Dixons, the electricals chain which includes Currys, later pinpointed Black Monday as starting a decline in its rates of growth. Ratners, the jeweller, also reported sales below expecations.

A moderation in the growth rate of retail sales during January was this week predicted in the latest monthly Confederation of British Industry (CBI) survey among retailers and wholesalers.

But yesterday, at the Retail Consortium, the trade body for most retailers, Mr Richard Weir, the director-general, maintained that, despite the decline of December sales compared with the previous month, the picture was still of retail volume staying strong and continuing to remain so. He said: "It may be that things are tapering off but on the basis of one month's figures it is far too early to say with any certainty."

Mr Weir said that reports from the trade were indicating that the January sales were running strongly. "The problem is not so much volume as margins. Volume has gone up as selling space has increased. But retailers are having to run harder to stand still as far as the bottom line is concerned. That selling space is expensive, local authority rates have increased and wages minimums are to go up 6 per cent," he added.

Another aspect of that is that some City analysts have been suggesting that in mass merchandise markets, retail overcapacity could be starting to emerge, putting additional pressure on shops.

Dixons yesterday reported its January sales going well. It said: "Overall, we are now seeing things picking up a bit and we are continuing to gain market share. There is a general feeling that growth in the consumer electrical business is not as high as previously envisaged, with brown goods like televisions and videos the most affected because they are more optional purchases than washing machines or refrigerators."

Dixons is hoping that the European Nations' Cup football matches and Olympic events later in the year could boost demand for television sets and video recorders.

The message from Marks and Spencer yesterday was that there was no sign of faltering in its sales patterns. More money was taken over Christmas than during the previous one and now its clearance sales were "buoyant", the company said.

The 21 department stores of the John Lewis Partnership have continued to report good clearance sales, with values up 11.9 per cent in the week ended January 9.

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STOCK MARKET

Prices test 1,800 but demand fades

By Michael Clark

Share prices tested the important 1,800 level in early trading yesterday but eventually boiled over to end the day with only modest gains.

Dealers had been expecting the market to rise after the weekend break and in the wake of last week's better-than-expected US trade figures. But the level of demand failed to live up to expectations and another hesitant start to trading on Wall Street, where the banks remained closed for Martin Luther King Day, saw prices close well below their best.

The FT-SE 100 index reached 1,806.3 early on, with a rise of 19.6, before closing a net 3.3 points higher at 1,790.0. The narrower FT index of 30 shares sported a rise of 14.1 at one stage, before ending just 3.4 points better at 1,440.1.

But dealers in London are still optimistic about prospects and expect share prices go better later this week, helped by a return to normal trading conditions in New York. Most fund managers are now looking to the Budget on March 15 — and possible tax cuts — to give the market its next boost. Some brokers are forecasting that the "Footsie" should hit 1,900 ahead of the Budget before any likely reaction sets in.

Government securities appear to have shrugged off last week's poor response to the third and final Treasury auction of stock. Prices finished just below their best levels of the day on profit-taking, although gains at the longer end of the market still stretched to £¾.

Traders reported sizeable overseas support, helped by suggestions that the next move in bank base rates is likely to be upwards.

There were small losses for some of the international stocks following a flurry of activity on Friday on the back of a strong rally in the dollar. ICI finished 11p lower at £11.47, while talk of a downgrading of profits by one leading broker left BOC Group 17p lower at 399p. However, selling pressure was described as light.

● There are fears of a shakeout soon in Reed International, up 8p at 430p yesterday, following a visit by analysts to the group's US operations. The brokers have just returned from their trip in a cautious mood. Some have already indicated that they intend to trim their profit forecasts.

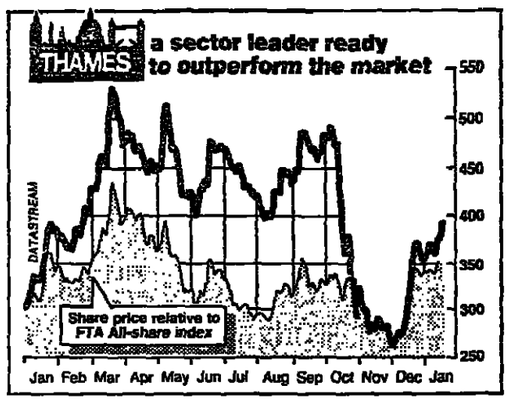
Hanson, the industrial conglomerate, firmed 2p to 143p ahead of today's annual meeting. This week the group is playing host to at least 70 US investment analysts. The market is hoping that the group will have some good news for them.

Pilkington, Britain's biggest glass producer, made a bright start now that BTR will be free later this week to launch another bid. The price opened 4p dearer at 251p, but appeared to run out of steam, closing just a net 2p higher at 249p as almost 5 million shares changed hands.

Thames Television stood out, with a 15p rise to 393p, helped by a bullish review on the sector from County NatWest, the broking arm of the NatWest Bank. A few weeks ago, it forecast that the television sector would outperform the market in the short term, helped by the boom in advertising revenue and changes in the industry's working practices.

Mr John Sanderson, an analyst at County NatWest, expects this trend to continue and is urging clients to switch into the sector leaders — including Thames — and the contractors with special features over the medium term, like Television South, up 5p at 362p and Scottish Television, 1p firmer at 390p.

Mr Sanderson says that the uncertainties continue to overshadow the industry, but he does not appear unduly pessimistic.



LWT Holdings, 1p higher at 163p, has just reached agreement with the unions over single, portable cameras which means that TV-am is now the only black spot on the industrial relations front. However, there are signs of an improvement in the dispute.

TV-am's financial year ends later this month and is likely to have benefited from the lower wage costs. County is still looking for pretax profits of £13 million compared with £8.7 million last time. Rival Kleinwort Grieveson is also recommending the shares of TV-am as a buy.

Meanwhile, the deadlock over production fees between the ITV companies and the independent programme-producing companies seems to have been broken with the IBA establishing a framework for further talks. Thames, which owns its own film-making subsidiary, Euston — employing only nine full-time staff — is virtually unaffected.

● Blue Circle has been a dull market since the bungled dawn raid last month by a mystery buyer hoping to pick up 15 per cent of the shares and its own, contested bid for Birmid Qualcast. Blue Circle has since slumped to 422p, down 6p. Dealers claim that the shares have now been oversold.

County expects Thames to produce pretax profits of £32 million this year compared with £28 million last time.

Lyon & Lyon, the Yorkshire-based Ford main dealer, advanced by 3p to 175p following the news that Allied Partnerships Group, the specialist hire-distribution and building group, had bought 360,000 shares for an undisclosed price. This amounts to 11.25 per cent of the total.

DRG Group, the packaging and paper specialist, slipped 2p to 389p despite learning that the important Kuwait Investment Office had lifted its stake in the company to 10.575 million shares, or 10 per cent of the issued capital.

Henderson Group, the garage doors and security company, firmed 10p to 339p on whispers that it may soon be embroiled in a £47 million, tug-of-war bid between Newman Tonks and Evered Holdings, the industrial conglomerate headed by the Abdullah brothers, which already owns a 24 per cent stake in the shares.

Last night Henderson denied suggestions that it was already in talks with Newman Tonks about possible terms. But the market is still betting that a bid may be just around the corner. Newman Tonks finished 3p dearer at 181p.



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WORLD MARKETS ROUNDUP: NEW YORK

Early advance for Dow

(Agencies) — Shares were higher in early trading yesterday. With US banks closed for Martin Luther King Day, investors were largely inactive. However, brokers reported that the market's firmness related to last Friday's surprise sharp decline in the US trade deficit.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose by 8 points to 1,964.07. Rising shares took a small lead over declining issues.

Sterling Drug was up by 2⅝ to 76¾. Its board has rejected a $72-a-share hostile tender offer from Hoffman-La Roche.

● Avon Products said it sees a loss of about $30 million on plans to sell its Foster Home Health Care Division to a unit of VenTech Healthcare Corporation for net proceeds of about $228 million. Avon has signed a letter of intent to sell the unit to VenTech's Abbey Medical and expects to complete the transaction by May 1.

Abbey will purchase all of the durable medical equipment and respiratory therapy business and a majority interest in the infusion therapy business. Avon will receive $170 million in cash and the balance in interest-bearing notes.

● Citicorp plans to sell its US investment management unit, which manages money for pension funds and large institutional investors, because it has not met profit targets, sources close to the bank said.

The sale of the unit, with funds under management of more than $20 billion, will not affect Citicorp's international or private banking businesses, the sources said.

A Citicorp spokesman would not comment.

SYDNEY

Industrial shares lead way

(Reuter) — Shares closed sharply higher yesterday, but just off the day's peak in response to solid rises on overseas markets. One broker said: "The market performed well at the open following the better-than-expected US trade figures but didn't want to go any higher — it's still very sluggish."

Industrial stocks led the way. Resources issues lagged after a drop in bullion prices.

At the close, the All-Ordinaries index was up 15.8 points at 1,293.3 and the All-Industrials index 33.1 up at 2,001.4. The All-Resources index gained 3.4 to 750.6

HONG KONG

Overseas funds lift demand

(Reuter) — Share prices closed sharply higher yesterday, propelled by demand from overseas fund managers who moved into the market after Friday's announcement of a sharply reduced US November trade deficit, brokers said.

The Hang Seng index rose 82.42 points to 2,512.19 after advancing 95 points earlier. Turnover surged to HK$1.24 billion (£89 million) from HK$448.83 million on Friday.

Brokers said low local interest rates encouraged investors to put their funds in stocks and a relatively bullish response to Friday's government land auction also helped sentiment.

FRANKFURT

Sharp rise trimmed in late deals

(Reuter) — Share prices ended an active bourse sharply higher yesterday but off the best levels of the day, boosted by a dollar surge after better-than-expected US trade figures.

Dealers said that profit-taking pushed prices off highs during the second half of the session. "There was strong demand at the start but when it tailed off many professional operators took profits," a German bank dealer said.

"Everyone remains cautious," another dealer added. "The German economy is not strong enough for a sustained bourse recovery."

TOKYO

US trade figures lift prices

(Reuter) — Prices gained as the pared United States November trade deficit figure dissolved a week of anxiety, but were pulled off highs by continued uncertainty over the dollar's long-term outlook, brokers said.

"The market was relieved, but there are still people who want to sell," said Mr Tadaaki Uehara, the deputy general manager of Wako Securities. "The horizon is not yet totally clear."

The Nikkei average rose 306.55 points, or 1.36 per cent, to 22,910.20, after reaching a morning peak of 23,141.29. The index gained 278.66 points last Thursday. The exchange was closed on Friday. Rises led falls by 3.8 to one in turnover of 600 million shares, against 480 million.

Securities house, communications, bank, electronic, insurance, rubber, pharmaceutical, retail, railway/bus, airline, precision instrument and property shares led the advance. Warehouse, gas and fishery issues declined slightly.

Brokers said renewed buying interest by foreigners was encouraging, but selling by institutional investors was evidence that the market is not yet convinced enough of the health of the dollar to be bullish.

The market was heartened by the interest in Nippon Telegraph and Telephone (NTT) shares, which closed Y40,000 up at Y2.25 million (£9,740), brokers said. Japan Air Lines (JAL) prices followed suit, closing Y300 up at Y13,000.

Export-related manufacturers rose on the firm dollar, with Matsushita up Y150 to Y1,980, Fanuc up Y300 to Y6,180, and Kyocera up Y170 to Y5,770.

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

Ald Restaurants	60 –1
Ass Henriques 71hp	72
Brit Pet P/P	76½ +2½
Butte Mining (100p)	140 +5
City Grove (100p)	110 +1
Eurotunnel	239 –2
Eurotunnel Wrnts	15 +½
Fairway London	78 +2
Gaelic Res	5
Hard Rock Cafe	94 –7
Do 'A'	74 –5
Hatfield Est (100p)	113
How Group	71
ISA Intl (80p)	108 +8
Intl Colour	98
Lloyd Thomp (170p)	153
Mayne Nickless	185 +10
Mowat	38 +1
Nestor-BNA (75p)	85
Power Corp	105 +10
Record (88p)	58
Sec Archives	160
Shaftsbury (180p)	135
Shorco	108 +1
Sykes-Pickavant	120
Tomorrows Leisure	31
Tubular Exhib	23
URS Intl	53
USDC Inv	120 +2
Wiltshaw Secs	28 +1

RIGHTS ISSUES

Cluff Oil N/P	
Gr West 6% N/P	
Michael J N/P	
Maxiprint N/P	6
Sharpe & Law N/P	15 –2
Wheway N/P	1

ALPHA STOCKS

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
Abbey	1,219	Coats	2,113	Land Sec	1,221	Rowntree	1,007
Allid-Lyons	753	CU	618	Laporte	24	Royal Bank	153
Amstrad	4,805	Cons Gold	201	LAG	1,331	Royal Ins	1,292
ASDA	7,058	Cookson	55	Lloyds	4,854	Saatchi	517
AB Foods	71	Courtaulds	2,666	Lonrho	2,894	Sainsbury	688
Argyll	2,706	Dalgety	42	Lucas	1,402	Scot & N	445
BAA	4,015	Dee	11,564	Magnet	2,971	Sears	431
BET	1,229	Dixons	2,333	M&S	4,488	Sedgwick	1,181
BTR	2,626	ECC	544	Maxwell Cm	539	Shell	295
BAT	2,864	Enterprise	1,158	MEPC	809	Smith & N	1,688
Barclays	1,288	Ferranti	5,641	Metal Box	1,683	STC	3,341
Bass	185	Fisons	726	Midland	1,707	Stan Chart	101
Beecham	1,438	Gen Acc	138	NatWest	1,346	Stanshse	877
Beazer	303	GEC	7,617	Next	1,555	Sun Alnce	904
BICC	12	Glaxo	1,488	Nth Food	31	T & N	378
Blue Arrow	902	Globe	188	P&O	467	Tarmac	545
Blue Circle	975	Granada	947	Pearl	68	Tate & Lyle	136
BOC	1,436	Grand Met	967	Pearson	94	TSB	613
Boots	1,047	GUS 'A'	147	Pilkington	4,923	Tesco	3,671
BPB	768	GRE	585	Plessey	933	Thorn EMI	946
Br Aero	1,314	GKN	734	Prudential	143	Tratalgar	1,384
Br Airways	6,775	Guinness	1,723	Racal	2,467	THF	5,640
Br Comm	793	Hamm 'A'	19	Rk Hovis	76	Ultramar	1,544
Br Gas	3,912	Hanson	13,519	Rank	708	Unigate	193
Br Petrol	3,792	Hawker	496	R&C	237	Unilever	1,729
Br Telecm	5,133	Hawley	2,637	Redland	516	United Bis	1,703
Bristol	2,626	Hillsdown	311	Reed	1,721	Utd News	672
Bunzl	1,025	IMI	593	Reuters	1,068	Wellcome	1,518
Burmah	669	ICI	1,557	RMC Gp	102	Welsbrd	725
Burton	3,159	Jaguar	2,201	RTZ	2,336	Willis Fab	2,812
CAW	3,932	Lasmo	1,171	R-Royce	2,459	Woolworth	1,065
Cadbury	935	Ladbroke	2,975	Rothmn 'B'	815		

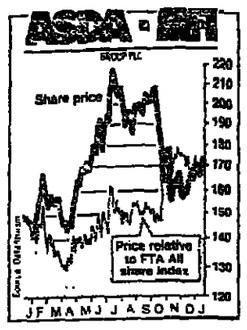
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BASE LENDING RATES

ABN	8.50%
Agam & Company	8.50%
BCCI	8.50%
Consolidated Crds	8.50%
Co-operative Bank	8.50%
C. Hoare & Co	8.50%
Hong Kong & Shanghai	8.50%
Lloyds Bank	8.50%
Nat Westminster	8.50%
Royal Bank of Scotland	8.50%
TSB	8.50%
Citibank NA	8.50%

TEMPUS

Asda still has a lot to prove



Some people praise Asda-MFI (soon to revert to plain Asda) for its northern bluffness in admitting the MFI merger was a failure. Others believe the episode characterizes the group's woolly thinking, which has continued with an about-turn on the Allied Carpets sale.

Fortunate timing secured the divestment of MFI. Although the stock market crash made the pricing of Allied a problem, to re-embrace it as a core business suggests a dramatic change of heart, even if it only contributes 6 per cent of profits.

Now all eyes are focused on the next 18 months. It will be hard to make a quick return by reinvesting the money realized from MFI — indeed there may a drag on earnings per share — but the way in which the business is managed will be seen as a harbinger of things to come.

There is no doubt the combined business had little future. To go it alone both in management and financial resources was the only way to recover the pioneering position Asda once enjoyed. The newish management team is finally implementing a strategy outlined nearly four years ago, which should increasingly make an impact. But the competition is hard to wrongfoot.

The investment programme in new stores and the development of a nationwide distribution systems should ensure that Asda maintains or perhaps improves its profitability. The payback from these as well as recent store openings will ensure reasonable earnings growth.

Product innovation and emphasis on quality as well as price continue apace. But whether southerners are as committed to one-stop shopping as their northern fellows is still to be conclusively demonstrated. The image of the non-food items may deter the more discerning food shopper.

Asda should make £210 million before tax in the full year. Despite the sector's popularity, Asda still has a lot to prove before its shares stand out as representing the best value for money and quality of earnings.

Evode Group

How many tubes of glue do you have at home, used once and then discarded to a sticky, mangled fate? Unfortunately for Evode Group, only 10 per cent of its sales go to this profitable Do-It-Yourself market, where customer wastage and repeat purchasing is high.

Indeed the group's seemingly altruistic launch of a new range of brightly packaged and clearly labelled products will make domestic glue buying more effective.

However, Evode sees itself as a speciality chemicals company with a broad customer base. No single customer accounts for more than 1 per cent of sales. This is suprising given last year's purchase of car component business, Supra.

The building industry is as important as automotives but together they still only account for two fifths of sales.

Trading remains buoyant with last year's margin problem in the plastics division virtually solved. Group margins will improve as the proportion of higher value products increases although margins are unlikley to change much.

After the autumn rights issue, gearing is under 10 per cent. Acquisitions are being actively sought in the plastics and coatings markets. Size is not a problem although Evode does have a preference for keeping gearing below 30 per cent.

Profits this year should approach £9 million. The shares sell at a premium to the market but make a sound hold.

Boxing clever

Cardboard boxes may not be glamorous, but they can produce some fancy figures.

David S Smith's interim profits bounced 53 per cent higher, with 20 per cent generated organically, including a full six months of St Regis, and the rest from more recent acquisitions. The St Regis paper mills have been operating at full capacity, justifying the continual investment in updating plant. Capital spending this year will almost double, to £20 million.

Borrowings have risen to fund acquisitions, but gearing remains low, at just under 19 per cent. Smith has plenty of scope to raise funds to launch itself into its new chosen area of trade publishing and exhibitions. Two acquisitions are under consideration.

Smith would rather use cash, unless the acquisition proves too large and requires shares as well. It could comfortably pay up to £40 million cash without putting gearing over 50 per cent.

Smith's shares have come back from a 1987 high of 490p to 359p yesterday, 11p up on the day, but the prices of target companies have also fallen.

The outlook is encouraging. There has been no slowdown in demand following the stock market crash, with demand remaining buoyant.

Pretax profits in the full year could rise to £30 million, giving a prospective p/e ratio of 12½. The prospective yield, on a 20 per cent dividend increase, is 2.4 per cent.

With good margins, organic growth and a strong balace sheet, Smith's premium to the sector is fully justified, and its shares look a sound long-term investment.

WALL STREET

	Jan 15	Jan 14		Jan 15	Jan 14		Jan 15	Jan 14
AMR Cp	34½	33½	Firestone	31¾	31½	Pepsico	34¼	32
ASA	49¼	49¾	Fst Chicago	20¼	19⅜	Pfizer	50¾	50¾
Aetna Life	46	45⅝	Fst Ins Bncp	41¾	40¾	Phelps Dod	40¾	39⅝
Allied Signal	29¼	28½	Fst Penn C	8¾	8¾	Philip Mor	85⅝	84½
Allis Chlm	1¾	1⅝	FT Wachva	35¼	34¼	Philip Pet	12¾	12¾
Alcoa	43¾	43¾	Ford Motor	41⅛	39⅝	Polaroid	24⅞	24¾
Amax Inc	18⅛	17¾	GAF Cp	42¾	42½	Primerica	26¼	25¾
AMR Hess	24½	23¾	GTE Cp	35¾	34¾	Proct Gble	84½	85
Am Brands	47	46¼	Gen Cp	21¾	20⅝	Pub S E G	24	23¾
Am Cyrnmd	47	45¾	Gn Dynam	50⅞	49¾	Raytheon	66⅝	65
Am Ele Pwr	27¼	26⅛	Gen Electric	45⅝	44⅜	Rynlds Metl	43½	43
Amexs	25½	24¾	Gen Inst	30¾	29¾	Rockwell Int	17¾	17¾
Am Family	13¾	13¾	Gen Mills	49⅜	48	Royal Dutch	111¼	109¾
Am Home	74⅝	72⅝	Gen Motors	83¾	82¾	SFE Sopac	44¾	43⅝
Am Int Grp	50¾	50⅛	Gen Pub Ut	28½	28½	Sara Lee	36¾	35¾
Am Stand	37⅜	36⅝	Genesco	3¾	3¾	Schlumb	30	29¾
Am Telph	29¾	28	Georgia Pac	34¼	34	Scott Pap	67½	66⅝
Amoco Cp	73	70¾	Gillette	34¾	34	Seagram	55¼	54¾
Armco Steel	11	10⅝	Goodrich	43	41¾	Sears Roeb	34¾	33½
Asarco Inc	23	23½	Goodyear	59⅛	58½	Shell Trans	74⅛	73⅜
Ashland Oil	54¾	54⅝	Gould Inc	12¾	12½	Singer	49¾	49¼
Atl Richfld	72⅛	71¾	Grace Co	28¼	25⅛	Smith Beck	54	53¾
Avon Prod	25¾	25	Grt Atl Pac	34¼	33	Sony Cp	39¾	38½
Bk Boston	22¾	22	Greyhnd	26¾	26⅝	Stn Cal Ed	31	30¾
Bank NY	29	28¾	Grumman	19½	19	SW Bell	36¾	35⅝
Bankamer	7½	7¾	Gulf & West	70¾	69¾	Squibb	59¾	58½
Bkrs Tst NY	31¾	31	Heinz	41	40½	Stan Drug	73¾	72¾
Baxter	24	23½	Hercules	47¾	46½	Stevens JP	30½	30
Beth Steel	17½	16⅝	Hewlett Pk	57	54¾	Sun Comp	52⅜	51½
Boeing	42¾	41¾	Honeywell	58⅝	56⅝	TRW Inc	47¾	47
Boise Casc	65	65¾	IC Ind	31½	30⅝	Teledyne	310½	305¾
Borden	49¾	47¾	ITT Cp	47¾	45¼	Tenneco	39⅞	41¼
Bristl Mayr	42¾	42¾	INCO	21¼	21¼	Texaco	37	37
BP	54½	55	Ing Rand Wt	35¾	35¾	Tex Easte	25⅝	25¾
Brunswick	16¾	15¾	Inland Steel	28⅜	28⅜	Texas Inst	51	51
Burl Nth	63¾	61¾	IBM	116¾	115¾	Tex Utd	28⅞	28⅝
CBS	155¾	157¾	Int Paper	39½	38½	Texaron	22¼	22¾
Cms Engy	13¾	13¾	Irving Bk	50½	49¼	Travelers	36¼	36¼
CPC Int	40½	40	Jhsn & Jhsn	72½	73¾	USG	28¾	29
CSX Cp	30¾	29½	K Mart	32	30¾	USX Cp	31½	30¾
Camp Soup	26⅛	26	Kaisertech	11	10¾	Unilever Plc	37¾	35¾
Can Pacific	17¾	16⅝	Kerr McGee	34¼	34	Un Carbide	21½	21½
Caterpillar	61½	59½	Kimbrly Clrk	47¾	46⅝	Un Pac Cp	55¾	54¾
Centrl SW	30¾	30¾	Kraft	50	49¾	Unisys Cp	34¾	33½
Champion	33¾	32½	Kroger	27½	27¾	Utd Brands	43½	42¾
Chase Man	21½	21½	LTV Cp	3	2¾	Utd Tech	36	34¾
Chem NY	20¾	20½	Litton	71¾	70½	Unocal	31	30¾
Chevron	41¼	40¾	Lockheed	36¾	36¾	Walter Jim	n.a	n.a
Chrysler	24¼	24	Lucky Str	26	25¾	Warn Lamb	74¾	73¾
Citicorp	19¾	19	Man H'nwr	20¾	19¾	Wells Far	45½	45
Clark Eq	25¾	24	Marmdle	2½	2½	Westg El	50½	49
Coca Cola	38¼	37¾	Masco	47¾	46¾	Weyerhsr	38¼	37½
Colgate	42¾	41¾	Marriott	29¼	28¼	Whirlpool	25¾	24½
Columb Gas	30¾	33¾	Mt Marietta	43¾	43¾	Woolworth	35¾	35
Cmb'n Eng	29¾	29½	Masco	22¾	22½	Xerox Cp	58¾	57¾
Cmwlth Ed	29¾	28¾	Mcdonalds	44¾	42¾	Zenith	16	15
Cons Edis	43¾	43¾	McDonnell	61¾	61¾			
Consol Ng	38¼	37½	Mead Cp	39¾	32½			
Cont Data	21¾	20¾	Merck	150¾	150¾			
Corning Gl	48¾	47¾	Minsta Mng	62¾	60¾			
Crane	21¾	21¾	Mobil	40¾	39¼			
Curtiss Wri	52	50½	Monsanto	80¾	79			
Data Gen	25¾	24¾	Morgan Jp	34	33			
Deere Co	39¾	35½	Motorola	47¾	46½			
Delta Air	38½	37¾	NCR	61¾	60¾			
Detroit Ed	14¾	14¼	NL Indstrs	6	6¼			
Digital Eq	119	115¾	Nat Distil	n.a	n.a			
Disney	60½	58	Nat Md Ent	19¾	18¾			
Dow Chem	83	82¾	Nat Semi	11¼	10¾			
Dressr Ind	26	24¾	Nortolk Sth	27¾	26¾			
Dupont	81¾	81	NW Bancrp	39½	38¾			
Duke Pwr	44½	43¾	Occid Petl	25	24½			
East Kodak	51¾	49¾	Ogden Cp	27¾	27¾			
Eaton Cp	75	75	Olin Cp	41¾	40¾			
Emerson El	33¾	32½	PPG Ind	33	32¾			
Emerly Air	5⅝	5¾	Pac Gas El	16¾	16¾			
Exxon	40¾	38¾	Pan Am	2¾	2¾			
Farah Inc	7¼	7¼	Penney JC	40¾	40¼			
Fedders	7	6¾	Pennzoil	67¾	66¼			

CANADIAN PRICES

Agnco Eag	21¾	22¾
Alcan Alum	35⅝	34¾
Algoma Stl	15	15¼
Can Pacific	21¾	21¾
Comico	13¾	13¾
Con Bathrst	18¾	18¾
Hawk S Can	21½	21¾
Hud Bay M	18¾	18¾
Imasco	24¾	24¾
Imperial Oil	57¾	56½
Int Pipe	43¾	43¾
Royl Trstco	13½	13
Seagram	77	78
Shelco 'A'	22¾	22¾
Thmsn N 'A'	26¾	26¾
Varity Cp	3.45	3.30
WCT	16¾	16¾
Weston	32	32

Asda profits show reasons for disposal of MFI chain

By Alexandra Jackson

Half-time profits from Asda-MFI, Britain's leading superstore operator, revealed the extent of the downturn at the furniture chain MFI, which has since been sold. Group trading profits increased by 8 per cent to £90.7 million but this masked a 25 per cent drop in profits at MFI, from £23.7 million to £17.8 million.

Pretax profits for the group increased from £86.1 million to £94.8 million in the 28 weeks to November 14. Turnover rose 11 per cent to £1.5 billion. An interim dividend 17 per cent higher at 1.6p was declared.

Mr John Hardman, who has been chairman of the group since the beginning of the year, reflected yesterday on the group's loss of direction in recent years and outlined moves to recreate Asda as a force on the national retailing scene.

"These results reflect we are well on the way to implementing large parts of our strategy," he said, "but it is early days and there is lots more to come".

About the decision to keep Allied Carpets, previously earmarked for sale, Mr Hardman said: "Although the price we could have realized for Allied after the stock market crash was a consideration, we now actually want to keep it. It is important not to produce a feeling of uncertainty within Allied, so within realistic bounds it is not for sale."



John Hardman: aiming to turn Asda into a force on the national retailing scene

The group holds net cash of £290 million after the £505 million MFI sale and plans to reinvest it in new stores and warehousing. Asda has retained a 25 per cent interest in MFI which has been renamed Maxirace and also includes Hygena, the kitchen manufacturer. Asda espects to makes a reasonable return on its £52 million investment when it returns to the stock market within three years.

The performance of the 116-store Asda chain was strong with a 31 per cent jump in operating profits and more than 4 per cent real growth in food sales, accounting for three quarters of the total.

Five new stores opened in the half year, with a further four expected to start trading in the second half. Next year, 15 new stores should be opened. Refurbishing of older outlets is proceeding at a similar rate.

Asda is expanding in Scotland and the South of England, areas outside its traditional Northern and Midlands base.

H&C in £30.6m chemical purchase

By Alison Eadie

Harrisons & Crosfield, the chemicals, building supplies, feedstuffs manufacturer and overseas trader, is expanding its chemicals operations through the purchase of Lankro, a private Manchester-based company, for about £30.6 million.

Lankro owns 75 per cent of Lankro Chemicals with employees owning the remaining 25 per cent. H&C will make an offer of £7.65 million for the employee shares as soon as practical.

Lankro Chemicals is principally involved in speciality chemicals, polymer additives, radiation curing chemicals, surfactants and polyurethanes. H&C's chemical activities mainly consist of chrome and zinc chemicals, iron oxide, aluminium chloride, polymer additives and surfactants.

The two companies are a very good fit because of the complementary positions in polymer additives and surfactants and because of the scope for sharing technology worldwide, H&C said.

Mr Dennis Stocks, managing director of Lankro Chemicals, said putting together the polymer additives would create a strong force in Europe and internationally.

COMMENT

Panel fights for power in its own backyard

The authority of the Takeover Panel and its shadowy status within our legal system are once again under threat. But this time the battle resembles a shoot-out at the Last Chance Saloon. A reverse for the panel over its ruling that Guinness, under its former management, took part in a concert party to buy Distillers' shares at a crucial stage in the bid battle would inevitably lead to radical reforms. Given the weight of legalistic pressure on the panel in the post-Big Bang environment, an adverse judgment would spell open season for clever corporate finance lawyers and possibly the ending of the panel's unique role in a self-regulating City.

The concert party ruling was a crucial one for the panel. It marked an overt restatement of the panel's authority after the deluge of criticism which it faced in the wake of one embarrassing revelation after another as the Guinness affair unfolded. The first step along the road to recovering its poise was the tightening of a number of rules designed to close loopholes and to make share dealings during takeover battles a good deal more transparent. Allied to the Stock Exchange's much tougher surveillance systems, these rule changes, almost all borne of the Guinness experience though that fact remained officially unacknowledged, were a substantial gain for investors at large. They meant that the outcome of contested bids hinged far more on factors such as price and industrial logic than on the ability of financial advisers to pull strings in the markets.

The timing of the panel's investigation and the publication of findings was itself significant. They took place well before the DTI inspectors were able to produce even an interim report and well ahead of final court hearings of the criminal charges made in connection with Guinness. This was widely recognized inside the City as an assertion that the panel was determined to guard its traditional ground however undiplomatic this might appear to the world at large.

There was nothing remotely oblique or technical about the line being taken by Guinness in the judicial review which commenced yesterday and which may well take a further two days to complete. In effect, it challenged the most fundamental powers of the panel to have jurisdiction within its own backyard. Stripped of the legal jargon, Guinness maintained yesterday that the panel should have deferred its own decision until the findings of the DTI investigation were complete. By not doing so, maintained the company, the panel had acted unfairly and prematurely. If the court supports this view, then the panel will not only be subject to review by wider legal authorities, but will be reduced to the role of second fiddle.

Bitter half of THF legacy

Lord Forte made his major forays to buy up hotels when the market was on its back, and his son Rocco is still reaping the harvest of his father's flair. Part of the harvest is ripe and rich, in the form of Trusthouse Forte's hoard of real property assets, the value of which rises as surely as night follows day. But the bitter half of the legacy is that Rocco's style is constantly compared to that of his father. And as a result, the group is declared dull.

At some point, the opinion formers will have to admit, if only to themselves, that THF is a management company, not an entrepreneurial company. And then they may recognize what THF is capable of achieving, rather than looking to the company to surprise them with a mega-deal.

In the latest financial year to October 31, the group has turned in a solid set of results where profits are up from £124 million, before tax and excluding property profits, to £156 million. At the pretax level, with everything thrown in, the rise is a more impressive 33 per cent.

Backing the trading advance is a sharp increase in net assets. With the spectre of the unnamed asset-stripping predator always lurking in the next motorway service station, THF has revalued the principal London and European Hotels to produce a surplus of £484 million, bringing the store of fixed assets to more than £2.1 billion, but more importantly lifting the net asset value per share from 141p to 202p.

In the current year, the remainder of the properties will be revalued, which could add a similar 60p a share to the net asset value. Thereafter, it is planned to revalue every three years, a departure from the rolling seven-year programme previously used.

Whether the revaluations will have the effect of discouraging or encouraging predators, if indeed there are any, is a moot point. But it will at least ensure that THF will not go out for want of proper appreciation of the value.

The revaluation also has the benign effect of reducing gearing levels, with year-end borrowings down from 47 per cent of shareholders' funds to 28 per cent. Part of the decrease is due to currency movements.

But it is at the operating levels where Rocco must be judged, and here the comparisons are flattering. Over the last five years, profits have gone up by more than three times. Operating margins have increased from 8.5 per cent to 11.1 per cent in the same period, while hotel margins went up from 16.3 per cent to 24.7 per cent.

There is scope to increase hotel margins considerably more, by adding rooms and optimising space. The objective is 30 per cent, but that will take another five years.

Meanwhile, the collapse of the dollar, the presidential election, and America's economic uncertainties may leave the current year flat. But when "flat" means earnings growth of more than 10 per cent, the shares at 218p on a prospective price-earnings ratio of 12 have no worries at all.

IN BRIEF

Buckley acquisition

Buckley's Brewery has agreed to buy Taylor Milner, a private company based in Leeds, London and Harrogate, which fits out and refurbishes public houses and hotels.

Buckley will pay £1.233 millionin cash and issue 767,822 new shares, valuing Taylor Milner at £2.784 million. Taylor Milner is expected to announce acquisitions of complementary activities soon.

DC Cook advances

DC Cook (Holdings) of Yorkshire, Britain's biggest Nissan distributor, turned in profits of £2.44 million for the six months to end-October, compared with £1.88 million for the year. Brokers are now looking for £4.8 million for the full year.

Group turnover is up from £47.6 million to £64.3 million. Mr Derek Cook, the chairman, says sales of used cars are booming.

Goode rises 123 per cent

Goode Durrant & Murray, the distribution, financial services and property group, made pretax profits in the 12 months to the end of October of £6.4 million, a rise of 123 per cent. Turnover rose 46 per cent to £133.6 million.

The company said that all divisions had performed well. Housebuilding and construction results were very encouraging, particularly the increased contribution from operations in the North-west of England. The final dividend should be not less than 1p per share, making a total of 3.75p.

HunterPrint ahead by 37%

By Joe Joseph

Pretax profits at the HunterPrint Group climbed by 37.7 per cent to £5.89 million last year, underlining the success of the company's aggressive expansion from its base in magazine colour printing into specialist work like printing forms, mail order catalogues and colour prospectuses for the Government's privatizations.

Mr Michael Hunter, the chairman of this Corby, Northamptonshire, based printer, said yesterday: "We've had excellent results from all divisions."

He added that HunterPrint, which produced more than 7 million colour prospectuses for the Government's recent BP share sale, had begun the latest financial year on a good note, landing printing contracts for a new fortnightly magazine for EMAP, the new Marks and Spencer catalogue, a 16-page supplement for the *Mail on Sunday's* weekly colour magazine and for BP's report and accounts.

Hunterprint's shares rose by 10p to 375p on the news of the figures, which also showed turnover up 29.3 per cent to £90.94 million in the year to September 27 and earnings per share, fully diluted, rising from 19.76p to 28.09p.

Shareholders will receive a final dividend of 5p, making 7.06p in all – about a third better than the previous year.

Exports, one of HunterPrint's targeted growth areas, more than doubled last year to £8 million

Broker starts ITC creditors' appeals

By Colin Narbrough

Maclaine Watson, the London metal broking firm, yesterday opened a series of appeals by creditors of the International Tin Council against court orders that are preventing them from recovering millions of pounds in bad debt.

The company, a subsidiary of the US investment bank Drexel Burnham Lambert, challenged earlier rulings that recognized the international organization as having a separate legal identity, freeing governments behind it of liability.

[illegible] the Court of Appeal to overturn the two High Court rulings last year striking out actions in which Maclaine Watson and another metal broking firm, JH Rayner (Mincing Lane), sought to make the 23 governments behind the ITC members [illegible] for its debts.

[illegible] are believed to total around £[illegible] million after being estimated at about £900 million immediately after the failure of the ITC buffer stock in late 1985.

Mr Mark Littman, QC, for Maclaine Watson, yesterday told the Court of Appeal that whether the metal broker's £6 million arbitration award was enforceable against ITC member states depended on establishing the status of the ITC.

He said it had been wrong of the High Court judges, Mr Justice Staughton and Mr Justice Millett, to conclude that the ITC had a separate legal personality and that it had incurred the liability on its own behalf.

The ITC was "an unincorporated association, all the members of which are jointly and severally liable," he said. He added that the treaty setting up the ITC conferred certain legal capacities on it, but gave it no legal persona distinct from its members. And if the ITC did have a separate identity, its members would not be exempt from meeting its obligations in the event of default.

Hillsdown sells off Evershed

By Alison Eadie

Hillsdown, the food, furniture and stationery group which has grown rapidly through a series of acquisitions, is selling J Evershed & Son, its convenience store subsidiary, partly to Booker and partly to Circle K for a total £11.3 million.

Hillsdown said that Evershed's business was a significant area of growth, but the company's strategy in the food industry was to develop and expand food manufacturing and processing.

Circle K, the second-largest convenience store operator in the world with its base in Phoenix, Arizona, is buying Evershed's 36 retail outlets and its eight franchised stores for £7.3 million.

Booker, the agribusiness, food and health group, is buying the wholesale food distribution business servicing independent retailers and caterers for £4 million.

Circle K has 4,000 outlets worldwide and 180 in Britain.

News Int lifts Pearson stake

By Michael Tate

Further purchases of Pearson shares by News International have lifted the stake held by The News Corporation companies to 44,202,997 shares, or 20.46 per cent of the equity. The 450,000 new shares were acquired through the market.

Mr Peter Stehrenberger, the finance director of News International, said yesterday that 37.35 million shares were held by News International and the rest by News Publishers, a Bermuda-registered company 100 per cent owned by companies within The News Corporation group.

He said the group was not in the market for more shares yesterday and was "not looking" for more shares at present.

The News Corporation issued a statement last night saying it had "no present intention of increasing its aggregate shareholding in Pearson above 25 per cent or of making an offer for Pearson."

"Moreover," the statement added, "The News Corporation group would not contemplate either of these courses of action during the next 12 months in the absence of a material change in the circumstances of Pearson."

Wall Street stung into week of curbs by the wrath of Congress

From Bailey Morris, Washington

Wall Street has a month at most to satisfy Congress that there is no need for a choking wave of new regulation in the wake of the Brady Report on the causes of the stock market crash in October.

New York Stock Exchange officials have requested member firms to refrain voluntarily from large-scale computerized program trades whenever the market moves up or down by 75 points.

It is an experimental program, a one-week flirtation with the system of "circuit breakers" recommended by the Presidential commission headed by Mr Nicholas Brady, a Wall Street investment banker, as the means to prevent another potentially disastrous breakdown.

Then, over the next month, Wall Street will be analyzed, dissected and thoroughly exposed by Congressional investigators who will recommend additional circuit breakers which could produce new legislation as early as this year. Tough new margin requirements are almost a certainty. A broader regulatory blanket over markets is also likely.

The United States Securities and Exchange Commission will release a more detailed study of the causes, emphasizing computerized trading, later this month. Beginning on February 2, the Senate will hold four days of hearings which will include testimony from the exchanges, government officials, and heads of Wall Street's largest houses. Later, the House of Representatives will begin separate investigations under the direction of Mr John Dingell, who described the recommendations of the Brady Report as being "too mild".

This response was the main reason the NYSE instituted the curbs, which will be lifted at the end of this week. It hopes to convince a nervous public that it is taking steps to fill the gaps in the system exposed by the Brady Report.

It is unclear whether these initiatives will be sufficient. Had the Presidential report not been issued on a day when Wall Street plunged another 140 points, the outcome would have been more predictable. Congress would have avoided a strong regulatory response in a Presidential election year.

But the huge drop on January 9 highlighted the most chilling conclusion of the Brady Report – that, in October, the entire financial system almost broke down under the weight of sell orders, an estimated $20 billion over three days, by a handful of large institutional investors.

The question of adequate liquidity was skirted in the Brady report but officials later said that the exchange floor specialists, who are supposed to maintain orderly markets, were grossly undercapitalized.

These are the themes which stunned Wall Street and galvanized an angry Congress.

Mr John Phelan, the president of the NYSE, reacted to the hostility last week when he appealed to big institutional investors to exercise restraint. He appeared on a panel in which powerful Congressmen described the "greed and lack of morality" among the big institutions.

"Surely they have learnt a lesson from this about their responsibility to the market and to other investors, and will avoid similar trading patterns in the future," Mr Phelan said on national television. But he acknowledged that there was no system in place at present to prevent a similar crash.

But as Congressional officials get down to the specific business of regulation, they reveal sharp divisions. Although most agree there is a need for a stronger regulatory structure, there is disagreement over whether the US Federal Reserve Board should take the lead, or whether it should be the SEC, or whether there should be a brand-new agency. This issue is not likely to be resolved this year.

On the issue of margin requirements, however, there appears to be a growing consensus that stock index futures should be subjected to either the same 50 per cent margin applied to shares or to something close to that level. In any case, most legislators agree that the present 10 per cent margin requirement is grossly inadequate.

There is also disagreement on the controversial issue of daily trading limits. Wall Street is adamantly opposed to the imposition of limits, but there are supporters in Congress for a modified form of trading limits similar to those being explored by the NYSE.

Most officials in the futures industry expect their freedom to be curtailed sharply as a result of the Brady Report. Officials said that they feared the report would lead to the abolition of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, which has regulated futures with a light touch since the mid-1970s.

Thatcher boost for Hanson

The private and powerful friendships that influence Britain's corridors of power are laid bare. Honouring Lord Hanson and Sir Gordon White, linchpins of industrial conglomerate Hanson, in a fashion rarely deemed fit for individual companies, Margaret Thatcher last night attended a dinner for some 80 or so American analysts – over here to inspect Hanson's British operations – at the Guildhall. Guest speaker was Sir Gordon, who, in his capacity as head of Hanson's American operations, apparently suggested the two-day trip. The star appearance by Mrs Thatcher, all but hero-worshipped in the US, should certainly do wonders for the company's rating on Wall Street – where it received a quote in November last year. Hanson – the company, that is – is, I'm told, picking up the tab for the trip but, true to form, is getting its money's worth. The analysts, flown in on Sunday evening, sat through presentations by Hanson's British directors yesterday morning, its American managers yesterday afternoon, and will attend the annual meeting at the Barbican today before going home this afternoon.

Hedunnit

Redundant market makers, unhappy with the consequences of Big Bang, will be able to collar the man who set the ball rolling, Energy Secretary Cecil Parkinson, at the USM annual dinner on March 1. Parkinson, a far-from-popular figure these days in certain City circles, is, I hear, to be the guest speaker at the awards dinner.

The team of judges – Blue Arrow chairman Tony Berry, Deloittes partner Graham Cole, Bill Hislop of Cannon Street Investments, *Evening Standard* city editor Tony Hilton and *USM Magazine* editor Ian Restall – which will select the USM company of the year, entrepreneur of the year and suchlike, has now been brightened by the addition of Debbie Moore, of Pineapple fame.



"Wait till they find out the dole offices are closed on Saturday mornings."

Road attacks

Monopoly, the board game that has amused sitting-room property tycoons for generations, is being threatened by change. News from across the Atlantic is that one of the streets used in the US version is to be renamed. From Monday, Illinois Avenue, the Atlantic City thoroughfare, will be called Martin Luther King Boulevard, a move likely to upset many local residents

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

The face is familiar ...

Strange are the twists and turns of fate. Derek Walker, Britoil's chief executive, has found himself fighting off an unwelcome bid from BP, his old employer. For eight years, until 1977, Walker worked for BP in Alaska. Then, when the Prudhoe Bay oil field came on-stream, the Alaskan operations were merged into Standard Oil, (Sohio as it then was), and Walker returned to Britain to become BP's regional co-ordinator in the Western Hemisphere. Eventually, he became Chief Executive of BP Petroleum Development, with responsibility for its North Sea operations, until he left to join Britoil three years ago. If it succeeds in taking over Britoil, BP says that the chief executive of the merged North Sea operations will be based in Britoil's Glasgow headquarters. Walker comments wryly: "I don't think they'll give the job to me."

Oilman Goldsmith?

Could it be that Sir James Goldsmith – the man who has gone down in the history books for liquidating his stock market holdings a month or two before the crash – is on the brink of buying again? According to rumours on Wall Street yesterday, three names are being tipped to bid for troubled oil giant Texaco – T Boone Pickens, Royal Dutch/Shell and Sir James. Aware that his re-entry into stocks and shares would be a significant and bullish gesture for markets around the world, Goldsmith has been maintaining an uncharacteristically low profile of late. But with a break-up value of around $12 billion, a large chunk of Texaco would certainly be well within his reach. Even if he doesn't make an outright bid, and turns out to be simply arbitraging, oil-sector watchers in the US think his actions could flush out any other potential bidders. With his taste for making a fast buck on the stock market once again resuscitated, there would then, methinks, be no stopping him . . .

● How valuable is all that investment advice City analysts churn out? In an electricals circular published last week, the four-man team at Scrimgeour Vickers says of GEC: "Traders should continue to buy when it is cheap and sell when it is dear."

Carol Leonard

Banker faces hotel purchase charge

Singapore (AFP) – The manager of Standard Chartered Bank in Singapore and a leading businessman were charged in court yesterday in connection with the purchase of controlling stakes in the Hyatt Hotel here.

Two charges each against Mr Michael Raymond Taylor, the British banker, and Mr Allan Ng, the Singapore businessman, cited violation of the Companies Act in telling the Securities Industry Council (SIC) that they had not discussed the purchase plan before it was declared to the stock exchange.

Both men denied the charges, which each carry penalties of up to Sing$10,000 (£2,770) in fines and two years jail.

Mr Liew Thiam Leng, District Judge, adjourned the case to February 8 after ordering Mr Taylor to furnish bail of Sin$150,000 and Mr Ng a bond of Sing$20,000.

Mr Ng, who resigned as deputy chairman of United Overseas Bank to go into business in 1985, was charged in court 10 days ago with insider trading in the transaction. He was released on bail of Sing$1 million after his arrest last July.

In yesterday's case, the January 1987 sale involved Monsia Investment shares mortgaged with Standard Chartered, accounting for 23.3 per cent interest in Sealion Hotels – whose main asset is the Hyatt – to Mr. Ng's First City Holdings for about Sing$22.7 million.

Prosecutors said the two men misled the SIC by saying First City had not discussed the purchase with the bank before the hotel's sale.

They also allegedly told the SIC that First City had not discussed business plans for Sealion Hotels before Sealion informed the stock exchange that Monsia had disposed of its shares.

Mr Ng, aged 46, was arrested on July 19 by the Finance Ministry's Commercial Affairs Department. The first charge against him alleged that the Sealion purchase had been made on the strength of price-sensitive information not available to others.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Brent Chemicals buys Robertsons

Brent Chemicals International, the speciality chemicals maker, is strengthening its foothold in printed circuit board manufacturing with the acquisition of Robertsons Chemicals, one of Britain's leaders in this field. Brent, which plans to combine its new purchase with its own Chemlec operation, is paying an initial £1.95 million cash for 75 per cent of Robertsons' shares.

There will be further payments geared to profits over the next two years. Brent also has an option on the balance of Robertsons' equity. Robertsons, which has a branch in West Germany and distributors in Hong Kong and Japan, made pretax profits of £320,000 on sales of £1.58 million in the year to last February.

Expansion at Theme pubs

Theme Holdings, the pub, restaurant and leisure group, is paying up to £2 million for Licensing Solutions, which owns eight pubs and a brasserie in southern England. Theme will also take on £518,000 of debts. It is paying an initial £150,000 in cash, and 1.5 million Theme shares priced at 50p each. A further payment of £600,000 will depend on 1988 profits.

Brooke Tool sales up £5m

Helped by recent acquisitions, Brooke Tool Engineering, which makes cutting tools, lifted pretax profits from £1.21 million to £1.69 million in the year to September 30. Sales grew by about £5 million to £17.7 million. Earnings per share edged up from 3.4p to 3.6p and shareholders will receive a final dividend of 1p, making 1.675p in all (1.45p).

Real Time profits slip

Real Time Control, the USM-quoted designer and manufacturer of computer systems and terminals, made a pretax profit of £237,000 in the six months to September 25 against a previous first-half profit of £304,000. Turnover fell from £2.3 million to £1.6 million. The change in product direction to the distribution of IBM point-of-sale till systems has continued to affect revenue in the short term.

Because of the long lead time between first contact with a national retailer and the start of revenue, the full-year results are likely to be similar to last year's £605,000 pretax. No interim dividend was recommended.

Harmony at the double

Harmony Leisure Group, the public house and wine bar operator, where Mr John Bairstow's Queens Moat Houses has a 14.9 per cent stake, more than doubled its profits in the six months to end-September, from £42,000 to £109,000. Earnings surged from 0.21p to 0.7p a share. Turnover rose from £2.11 million to £2.91 million.

L&M's office property deal

London & Metropolitan Estates (Investment) is paying an initial £5 million cash for a long lease on a property at Harbour Exchange in London's Docklands. The property, leased from Hill Charter Developments, will provide 38,750 sq ft of offices when completed in November. A second instalment of £3.1 million is due in December.

Brassware firm shines

Knobs & Knockers, the brassware retailer and estate agent, yesterday reported taxable profits of £203,000 on sales of £3.8 million in the half year to September 30.

The company combined the announcement of its first results since joining the Unlisted Securities Market last June with news that it was paying an initial £1.56 million cash for the stock and certain fixed assets of Beaver Construction Supplies, an architectural hardware distributor which made pretax profits of about £700,000 last year. Two further payments of £500,000 and £600,000 will follow over the coming year. Knobs is paying an interim dividend of 0.67p.

Greenwell Montagu turns into disaster for Midland

By Richard Thomson
Banking Correspondent

The Midland touch has not faded. In little more than two years, the bank has managed to reduce one of the City's largest and most successful equity broking operations to rubble. It has lost tens of millions of pounds in the Greenwell Montagu disaster, and abandoned a strategy which, not long ago, was supposed to be central to its corporate plan. If not as expensive as the Crocker National, the Greenwell episode has been at least as embarrassing.



Key players: Sir Kit McMahon (left), Midland chairman and chief executive, and economist Gordon Pepper

Midland first signed up W Greenwell as a partner in the City Revolution three years ago. From the start, the relationship was not easy.

The original deal was for Midland to buy half the broking firm. Greenwell's 42 partners believed that after Big Bang, only broking firms with powerful capital backing would survive and thrive.

Midland already owned Samuel Montagu, the merchant bank. Theoretically, this should have meant that Midland had ample experience of handling other "cultures" and of integrating independently minded institutions within overall group policy. What the Greenwell partners failed to appreciate was that Midland's relationship with Montagu had never been easy, and at its worst had actually damaged the merchant bank's morale and ability to perform.

On Midland's side, the link made sense for several reasons. With Samuel Montagu, Greenwell would make a strong securities and investment banking operation. Greenwell had a substantial institutional and corporate client list to complement that of the merchant bank. It was also top of the league of gilt-edged brokers, thanks largely to the presence of Mr Gordon Pepper, the economist who was also regarded as one of Mrs Thatcher's chief monetarist gurus at the time.

In 1984, Midland was, moreover, desperately looking for a new corporate identity. Its reputation and plans to develop internationally had been hurt by the disastrous purchase of Crocker, the Californian bank. Midland now declared that it intended to become an international securities and investment banking operation, as well as an ordinary clearer.

But the losses involved in Crocker had substantially damaged Midland's balance sheet and a move into securities, with its high capital requirements and high risk, never seemed quite convincing or sensible.

The first deal negotiated with Greenwell was for Midland to buy half the firm, thus ensuring a high degree of independence for the brokers. In return, Midland drove a hard bargain. A year later, the Greenwell partners were reconsidering. They wanted a more generous deal in return for giving Midland complete ownership. That suited Midland which was always keen on firm control of its subsidiaries.

Thus the marriage finally took place and Midland took complete control. It decided, however, against buying a jobber – and here lay another cause of eventual disaster. Instead, it built up a jobbing firm piecemeal.

From the moment the Big Bang starting gun sounded, the Midland-Greenwell policy was suspect. The broker went for deals executed on a net-of-commission basis, rather than an agency basis. That meant it had to go for market share in order to make any money.

By March last year, Greenwell Montagu was losing about £6 million a month on equity market-making. The experiment had clearly gone wrong but Midland, with Sir Kit McMahon now installed as chief executive and chairman, no longer had the commitment to carry on.

The need to preserve capital rather than risk more of it on the securities markets was paramount. The equity dealing operation was closed down with a write-off of £10 million.

Midland then completely changed Greenwell's strategy and announced that it would copy the successful James Capel formula of agency broking. Again, this never sounded convincing.

Midland then publicly announced that it was looking for a buyer for the institutional equities side. In the end the attempt failed because potential buyers, such as Morgan Stanley, the US investment bank, were interested only in certain teams of analysts. By then, the death knell of the institutional equity side had sounded.

Car imports 'could fall to 40%'

By Daniel Ward, Motor Industry Correspondent

Import penetration in the British car market could be reduced to 40 per cent, compared with almost 53 per cent last year, bringing Britain into line with other leading European countries, according to Mr Anthony Fraser, director of the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders. He said yesterday that the target of 40 per cent was a realistic one, though he declined to forecast when it would be achieved.

The effect of the significant shift back to buying more British-built cars would be to boost sales of domestically produced cars by almost 200,000 a year.

Import penetration in France, Italy and West Germany was 36.5, 39.6 and 31.8 per cent respectively in the first nine months of 1987, and Mr Fraser argues that Britain should be able to achieve a similar level of imports.

Foreign cars account for less than 3 per cent of sales in Japan while in America they have risen to 30 per cent.

Imports this year are likely to fall below 50 per cent in Britain for the first time since 1978, as output of 40,000 Nissan Bluebirds at the Sunderland plant qualifies for British status, and Peugeot boosts production at its Ryton plant in Coventry by up to 50,000 cars after the introduction of the 405 model. Even with no improvement from Austin Rover, Ford and Vauxhall, at least 100,000 more British-built cars will be sold here this year than in 1987.

Mr Fraser said there was no hope of tied imports – British-badged cars imported from the Continent – falling to zero because multinational manufacturers would always choose to build certain models only in one foreign plant. This applied to the Ford Granada and Vauxhall Nova, Senator and Carlton.

Mr Fraser believes tied imports could be cut to 5 per cent of the market, one third of their current level, leaving foreign car makers to take 35 per cent of Britain's 2 million new car market.

In 1983, tied imports peaked at 21.7 per cent of the market as output from Ford's and Vauxhall's British plants was low and it was cheaper to import cars from the Continent. Improved British productivity and the significant shift in exchange rates have reversed the position.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Puts Jan	Puts Apr	Puts Jul
Allied Lyons (*348)	300	50	62	66	1	7	16
	330	20	42	50	2½		
	360	4	25	35	15	32	43
Bass (*790)	750	48	90	117	2	30	50
	800	10	53	92	18		
	850	3	33	70	60	85	103
Brit Air (*169)	140	30	36	45	2	6	11
	160	11	24	33	2		
	180	2	14	21	16	22	28
Brit Caledonian (*338)	280	60	68	80	1	10	15
	300	40	50	75	1		
	330	15	40	55	4	22	35
Brit Gas (*137)	120	18	23	27	½	4	7
	130	8½	17	21	1		
	135	4	-	-	2½	-	-
BP (*280)	220	40	47	52	1	7	12
	240	20	30	40	2		
	260	4½	20	28	5	23	30
British Aerospace (*453)	380	88	93	92	1	6	14
	420	40	60	68	4		
	460	7	31	42	8	28	38
Cons Gold (*650)	900	11	90	135	40	105	140
	950	4	65	110	90	1	
	1000	3	50	95	135	180	210
Courtaulds (*350)	300	58	68	75	½	10	20
	330	23	48	60	2		
	360	4	33	48	14	35	50
	390	1	20	31	42	65	68
Com Union (*355)	330	27	47	58	2	23	32
	360	4	30	43	12		
	390	1	17	25	38	57	66
C & W (*378)	280	100	108	115	½	4	6
	300	80	92	100	1		
	330	50	66	78	1	13	22
	360	22	47	62	3	22	28
GEC (*159)	140	20	24	32	1	6	9
	160	3	14	23	4½		
	180	C	8	15	23	28	32
GKN (*317)	280	37	52	61	1½	17	23
	300	20	40	51	4		
	330	3	26	39	12	41	46
Grand Met (*450)	360	1	17	27	45	62	65
	390	62	70	85	1	11	18
	420	32	50	57	1½		
	450	4	30	47	15	49	48
	500	2	18	30	52	67	72
ICI (*1154)	1050	112	143	167	1	42	54
	1100	62	110	139	2½		
	1150	22	87	135	17	88	108
	1200	5	67	110	45	115	135
Jaguar (*344)	300	45	60	70	½	17	25
	330	17	39	52	2		
	360	4	27	36	16	49	57
Land Sec (*462)	420	45	58	80	9	10	20
	460	10	47	58	7		
	500	2	28	40	40	50	70
M & S (*191)	160	24	34	38	1½	8	11
	180	7	20	24	3		
	200	1	11	14	20	30	32
R-Royce (*135)	120	16	23	28	1	9	15
	130	8	17	23	3		
	140	2	13	19	8	20	25
	160	1	8	-	27	33	-
Sainsbury (*232)	200	34	42	48	1	6	11
	220	14	28	36	2		
	240	1	17	25	10	22	29
Shell (*1055)	1000	60	102	130	3	65	80
	1050	29	70	105	15		
	1100	3	50	87	50	125	135
Storehse (*258)	220	38	48	58	1	8	17
	240	16	35	48	2		
	260	4	24	37	9	33	33
	280	2	14	27	27	38	45
Tradelgar (*330)	290	52	63	70	1	6	13
	300	32	47	55	2		
	320	12	32	40	6	28	35
TSB (*116)	100	16	20	23	1	4	5
	110	7	12	16	2		
	120	1	6	11	7	12	16
Woolworth (*282)	240	25	45	55	1	15	22
	260	10	32	42	7		
	280	4	22	30	25	40	42
	300	1	15	22	45	55	65

	Series	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Puts Mar	Puts Jun	Puts Sep
Amstrad (*141)	130	19	27	33	9	13	17
	140	14	22	30	12		
	150	7	14	-	26	30	-
Barclays (*499)	420	95	100	110	10	15	27
	460	60	78	82	20		
	500	35½	½	62	40	52	65
Speyhem (*469)	390	95	110	-	6	15	-
	420	70	88	98	11		
	460	40	60	77	25	38	48
	500	23	42	60	47	60	70
Scots (*257)	220	45	53	60	7	15	23
	240	32	38	48	15		
	260	20	30	38	23	30	40
STC (*280)	240	48	57	-	6	12	-
	260	35	45	52	11		
	280	23	32	40	20	30	34
Blue Circ (*422)	420	35	50	60	32	47	55
	460	18	35	45	57		
	500	10	20	35	87	97	103
Dixons (*184)	180	19½	35	40	18	20	25
	200	12	25	33	25		
	220	7	15	25	40	48	52

	Series	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Puts Mar	Puts Jun	Puts Sep
Glaxo (*1044)	950	135	175	220	35	60	67
	1000	110	150	195	52		
	1050	82	132	170	75	100	123
	1100	55	110	-	100	130	-
Hanson (*144)	110	36	46	-	1	2½	-
	120	27	31	35	2		
	130	19	24	29	4	8	12
	140	12	18	23	7½	11½	16
Hawker (*475)	420	70	75	90	13	20	32
	460	42	53	70	25		
	500	23	37	58	45	72	78
Lonhro (*269)	200	72	78	-	2	3	-
	220	54	60	63	3		
	240	38	46	52	11	18	22
	260	24	35	39	19	28	30
Midland (*393)	330	77	85	7	17	15	-
	360	55	62	77	17		
	390	35	47	60	30	42	50
Sears (*133)	120	17	23	29	5	9	12
	130	11	18	24	9		
	140	7	13	19	13	20	24
Tesco (*159)	140	24	32	37	5	10	14
	160	14	20	27	12		
	180	7	-	-	28	-	-
Thorn EMI (*579)	480	132	150	-	3	7	-
	500	95	118	135	8		
	550	63	87	100	20	32	45
	600	39	60	70	45	55	67
THF (*220)	200	36	38	43	9	16	22
	220	15	25	35	20		
	240	8	17	25	35	46	48
Unilever (*504)	480	67	85	103	18	37	47
	500	42	62	83	30		
	550	23	40	63	70	88	100
Wellcome (*404)	360	64	83	100	13	27	37
	380	47	68	85	25		
	420	32	52	70	43	57	67

	Series	Feb	May	Aug	Feb	May	Aug
BAA (*100)	90	15	20	26	4	9	11
	100	9	15	21	8		
	110	4	11	15	14	20	23
Brit Aero (*369)	300	67	77	85	3	15	23
	330	45	55	67	5		
	360	25	40	50	20	43	50
BAT Ind (*458)	390	73	83	95	3	15	23
	420	48	63	78	8		
	450	22	43	60	23	45	50
	500	12	27	-	48	68	-
Brit Tele (*237)	200	40	47	51	2	5	8
	220	24	32	38	5		
	240	11	20	28	13	19	24
Cadbury (*260)	220	45	50	60	2	8	14
	240	28	38	46	7		
Guinness (*307)	280	16	24	35	13	25	32
	300	20	33	42	12		
	330	7	20	-	32	42	-
Ladbroke (*369)	360	75	85	90	2½	10	14
	330	47	62	68	5		
	360	25	43	52	13	28	35
LASMO (*324)	260	72	82	92	5	18	30
	280	57	68	80	9		
	300	42	55	68	17	33	45
Pilkington (*250)	230	35	45	70	2	6	8
	220	27	53	58	6		
	240	26	32	47	13	20	30
	260	16	28	37	25	32	43
Pleasey (*180)	140	26	33	36	5	8	13
	160	13	23	27	11		
	180	6	13	18	24	29	34
P & O (*543)	480	90	105	120	4	17	25
	500	65	72	88	12		
	550	28	45	65	32	58	70
Prudential (*351)	800	75	95	118	20	45	50
	850	45	68	88	40		
	900	20	43	-	70	80	-
Racal (*243)	200	47	57	64	2½	6	13
	220	30	44	50	6		
	240	18	33	38	14	20	32
RTZ (*375)	300	85	105	125	5	18	25
	350	60	85	105	8		
	360	30	53	80	18	45	60
	380	18	40	-	30	55	-

Tr 11¾% 1991 (*108)	104	¼	-	-	¼	-	-
	106	¼	-	-$^{3}/_{32}$	-	-	-
	108	¼	-	-$^{2}/_{32}$	-	-	-
	110	$^{1}/_{32}$	-	-$^{4}/_{32}$	-	-	-
Tr 11¾% 03/07 (*117)	112	4¾	5¾	-$^{3}/_{32}$	1$^{9}/_{32}$	-	-
	114	2⅝	4$^{3}/_{32}$	-	1$^{2}/_{32}$	-	-
	116	1⅜	3¼	-	1⅜	3^{2}	-
	118	1	2$^{9}/_{32}$	-	2⅝	4¼	-
	120	$^{15}/_{32}$	1⅝	-	4⅝	5$^{9}/_{32}$	-

FT-SE INDEX (*1799)

Sales	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Jun	Feb	May	Apr
1550	256	265	282	—	2	12	36	—
1600	205	223	242	269	3	17	37	47
1650	155	180	205	223	3	25	50	63
1700	112	145	170	192	9	37	65	78
1750	72	110	140	162	17	55	85	98
1800	40	83	113	136	33	77	105	122
1850	18	58	90	113	65	105	130	148
1900	8	40	70	93	107	140	160	177
1950	3	—	—	—	155	—	—	—
2000	2	—	—	—	205	—	—	—

January 18, 1988 Total: 30838 Calls 22857 Puts 8002 FT-SE: Calls 1842 Puts 1583

*Underlying security price.

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
January 18	January 29	April 21	May 3

Call options were taken out on: 18/1/87 Property Trust, Ossery Estates, CH Beazer Hldgs., Dares Estates, Blacks Leisure, GEC, Bulgin 'A', Plysu, Marmex, Worcester Group, Micro Focus, Premier.
Put & Call: GEC.

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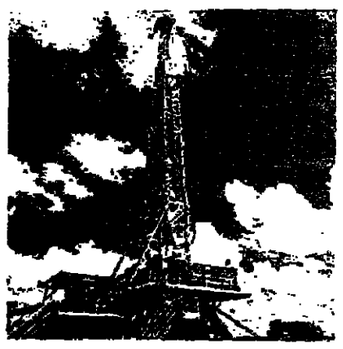
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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Smith (WH) "A"	Drapery,Stores	
2	Microfilm Repro	Electricals	
3	Avon Rubber	Industrials A-D	
4	Roschaugh	Property	
5	Concentric	Industrials A-D	
6	Stakis	Hotels,Caterers	
7	Celestion	Industrials A-D	
8	Chamberlin & Hill	Industrials A-D	
9	Cams Milling	Foods	
10	Norcros	Industrials L-R	
11	Berkeley Gp	Building,Roads	
12	Countryside	Building,Roads	
13	Caradon	Building,Roads	
14	Microgen	Electricals	
15	Low & Bonar	Industrials L-R	
16	Hawley (as)	Industrials E-K	
17	West Trust	Textiles	
18	Quest Automation	Electricals	
19	Alumasc	Industrials A-D	
20	Burmah (as)	Oil,Gas	
21	Leeds	Textiles	
22	Capital Radio	Leisure	
23	Holmes Pro	Industrials E-K	
24	Beswood	Industrials A-D	
25	Mecca Leisure	Leisure	
26	Wimpey (George)	Building,Roads	
27	Office Elect Mach	Industrials L-R	
28	Fosco-Minsep	Chemicals,Plas	
29	Black (A&C)	Newspapers,Pub	
30	Esmes Prop	Property	
31	Courtaulds (as)	Textiles	
32	Br Land	Property	
33	Hutchsn Whampoa	Industrials E-K	
34	Hong Kong Land	Property	
35	Broken Hill	Industrials A-D	
36	Ladbroke (as)	Hotels,Caterers	
37	Watergate	Property	
38	Sock Shop	Drapery,Stores	
39	TNT	Industrials S-Z	
40	UEI	Electricals	
41	Firstland	Oil,Gas	
42	Copson PLC	Building,Roads	
43	French (Thomas)	Industrials E-K	
44	Brunning	Paper,Print,Adv	

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Weekly Dividend

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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

BRITISH FUNDS

1987 High	Low	Stock	Price	Chge	Int. only yld%	Gross Red. yld%
SHORTS (Under Five Years)						
102¼	94¼	Exch 10¾% 1988	100⅝	..	10.5	5.365
101⅛	98	Treas 9¾% 1988	100¼	..	9.7	9.146
99⅛	92⅞	Treas 9% 1978-88	98⅛	..	9.1	8.971
101⅜	96⅛	Treas 9½% 1988	100⅛	..	9.5	9.255
105¼	95½	Treas 11¼% 1989	102¼	+⅛	11.2	9.288
104⅜	97¼	Treas 10¼% 1989	101⅛	..	10.3	9.405
103⅜	96⅛	Exch 10% 1989	100⅛	+⅛	9.9	9.412
106	95¼	Exch 10¼% 1989	102⅛	+⅛	10.0	8.571
105	95	Exch 11% 1989	102⅜	+⅛	10.7	9.414
96¼	88⅞	Treas 5% 1986-89	95⅛	..	9.2	7.950
OVER FIFTEEN YEARS						
111¼	94¼	Treas 10% 2003	105⅛	..	9.5	9.516
126¼	118½	Treas 13¾% 2000-03	125⅜	..	10.9	10.968
121½	105	Treas 11¾% 2001-04	114⅝	..	10.2	10.259
118⅜	94½	Treas 11% 2004	112⅛	..	9.8	9.818
107½	91½	Fund 3½% 1999-04	57⅝	..	6.1	6.078
107½	93¼	Conv 9% 2005	101⅛	..	8.9	8.905
109⅜	93¼	Conv 9% 2005	101⅛	..	8.9	8.905
111¼	96¼	Treas 12% 2003-05	111⅛	..	10.8	10.811
107⅛	79¼	Treas 9% 2003-05	96⅝	..	9.3	9.317
107⅛	93¼	Conv 9% 2006	101⅛	..	8.9	8.905
107⅛	79¼	Treas 9% 2006-07	96⅝	..	9.3	9.317
134⅛	118½	Exch 12¾% 2007-12	125⅜	..	10.2	10.168
134⅛	118½	Exch 12¾% 2012-15	125⅜	..	10.2	10.168
134⅛	118½	Exch 12% 2013-17	125⅜	..	10.2	10.168
UNDATED						
45¾	39¾	Consols 4%	43⅝	..	9.2	—
47¾	39¾	War Ln 3½%	44⅝	..	8.0	—
53	46	Conv 3½%	49⅝	..	7.1	—
39¾	34½	Consols 2½%	37⅝	..	6.7	—
39¼	34½	Treas 3%	36⅝	..	8.2	—
INDEX-LINKED						
133¼	124½	Treas 2pc '88	129⅝	..	2.0	2.363
119½	108½	Treas 2pc '90	115⅝	..	2.1	2.512
101¾	93¼	Treas 2pc '92	98⅜	..	2.3	2.566
136¾	117¾	Treas 2½pc '96	132⅝	..	2.3	2.484
111¾	99¾	Treas 2½pc '98	107⅝	..	2.3	2.484
113	96¼	Treas 2½pc '01	109⅜	..	2.3	2.484
127½	108¼	Treas 2½pc '06	123⅜	..	2.3	2.484
122¾	104¼	Treas 2½pc 2011	118⅜	..	2.3	2.484
151¾	78¾	Treas 2½pc 2016	146⅜	..	2.3	2.484
103¾	83¾	Treas 2½pc 2020	99⅝	..	2.3	2.484
101¾	81¼	Treas 2½pc 2024	97⅝	..	2.3	2.484
86¼	68¼	Treas 2½pc 2030	83⅛	..	2.3	2.484

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1987/88 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Chge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
773	188	Bank Hap	285	715		9.6	4.2	7.6
199	98	Antonio (Henry)	98	101		2.9	3.0	20.3
258	128	Am New Z	141	144	+1			
12	3	Bankamerica	4	4				
246	175	Bank of Ireland	205	215		17.0b	8.1	..
15	11	Bank Lloyds Israel	12	13				
268	202	Bank Scotland	234	236		17.0	4.9	11.2
655	415	Barclays (as)	541	543	+2	21.0	4.3	10.7
88	33	Beckhoff	34	36		1.4	3.8	15.1
418	318	Brown Shipley	340	350		14.0	4.0	9.3
485	290	Bus Mortgage	290	300		23.3	7.8	8.2
75	44	Cater Allen	70	72		2.7	3.8	13.3
39½	16½	Chase Aberdeen	37	38		1.3	3.4	29.1
51	30	Close Bros	49	51		2.0	3.9	15.1
111½	68	Commercials	175	185	+½	6.0	3.3	15.1
288½	125½	Deltec Int	113½	114½				
80	21	Equity & Law	78	80		2.5	3.1	14.0
218	165	First Nat Finance	165	175		20.0	12.1	10.1
418	288	Gerrard Nat	400	410		24.0	5.8	10.9
124	53	Goodwin Fen	53	55		2.6	4.7	19.5
286	230	Hanmers	230	240		16.0	6.7	8.2
61	45	Int Stanplus	45	47		2.0	4.3	17.9
523	252½	Lloyds (Leopold)	252½	254½		34.0	13.4	7.1
154	124	Mag & Shakes	124	126		5.0	3.9	14.7
237	177	Marshall Hanson	177	179		8.0	4.5	12.5
453	213	Lloyds (as)	213	215		8.0	3.7	14.5
1½	½	Mid Suf Pk	½	1				
288	145	Midland (as)	276	278		10.0	3.6	13.1
1½	½	Morgan Grenfell	1½	1½				
280	148	Nat Asst Pr	265	268		9.5	3.5	13.1
1½	½	Nat West (as)	1½	1½				
133	68	Ottoman	68	70		2.5	3.6	13.1
440	230	Provident	230	240		16.0	6.7	8.2
46	24	Rea Bros	24	26		1.0	3.8	15.1

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1987/88 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Chge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
153	98	Allied Colloids	150	152		6.0	3.9	17.8
1½	½	Amari Metals	½	1				
414	277	Ass Fisheries	414	417		20.0	4.8	9.4
414	217	Ord 'A'	414	417		20.0	4.8	9.4
194	79	Lawrence (Walter)	117	119	+1	5.5	4.6	11.5
77½	34	Lindo (A.G.)	52	54		2.5	4.6	11.5
314	192	Lindo (W.)	314	316		15.0	4.7	11.5
413	240	Marley (M)	240	250		11.0	4.4	10.2
413	240	Marshalls (Halifax)	240	250		11.0	4.4	10.2
240	138	Marshalls (S)	138	140		6.0	4.3	15.1
171	88	McKechnie (Alfred)	88	90		3.0	3.3	15.1
171	88	McKechnie (Brit)	88	90		3.0	3.3	15.1
541	365	Morlan (John)	365	375		16.0	4.3	10.2
124	70	Nevamar	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2
124	70	Normalair Tonks	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2
124	70	Pentamman	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2
124	70	Phoenix Timber	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2
124	70	Pickles	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2
124	70	Rentokil Gp (as)	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2
124	70	Robert Jones	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2
124	70	Rotaflex	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2
124	70	Rotaprint	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2
124	70	Scapa Gp	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2
124	70	Sirdar	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2
124	70	Smith & Nephew	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2
124	70	Synthetic Coatings	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2
124	70	Tace Products	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2
124	70	Tip Top Corp	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2
124	70	Tunnelcrete	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2
124	70	Vitafoam	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2
124	70	Wellcome Foods	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2
124	70	Whitby Office	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2
124	70	Wickes	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2
124	70	Woolworth (as)	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2

CINEMAS, TV

1987/88 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Chge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
124	70	Anglia TV 'A'	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2
124	70	Border TV	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2
124	70	Central TV	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2
124	70	Channel TV	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2
124	70	Grampian TV	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2
124	70	HTV Gp	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2
124	70	HTV 'A'	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2
124	70	LWT Hldgs	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2
124	70	Scottish TV	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2
124	70	Thames TV	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2
124	70	TSW	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2
124	70	Tyne Tees TV	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2
124	70	Ulster TV	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2
124	70	Yorkshire TV	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2

DRAPERY, STORES

1987/88 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Chge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
124	70	Allders	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2
124	70	Arding & Hobbs	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2
124	70	Bentalls	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2
124	70	Body Shop	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2
124	70	Brown (N)	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2
124	70	Burton Gp	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2
124	70	Cavendish Hse	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2
124	70	Combined Eng	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2
124	70	Courts	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2
124	70	Dawson Int	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2
124	70	Debenhams	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2
124	70	Dewhirst 'A'	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2
124	70	Dixons	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2
124	70	Do 'A'	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2
124	70	Do 'B'	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2
124	70	Do 'C'	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2
124	70	Do 'D'	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2
124	70	Do 'E'	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2
124	70	Do 'F'	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2
124	70	Do 'G'	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2
124	70	Do 'H'	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2
124	70	Do 'I'	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2
124	70	Do 'J'	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2
124	70	Do 'K'	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2
124	70	Do 'L'	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2
124	70	Do 'M'	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2
124	70	Do 'N'	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2
124	70	Do 'O'	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2
124	70	Do 'P'	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2
124	70	Do 'Q'	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2
124	70	Do 'R'	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2
124	70	Do 'S'	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2
124	70	Do 'T'	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2
124	70	Do 'U'	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2
124	70	Do 'V'	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2
124	70	Do 'W'	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2
124	70	Do 'X'	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2
124	70	Do 'Y'	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2
124	70	Do 'Z'	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2
124	70	Do 'AA'	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2
124	70	Do 'AB'	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2
124	70	Do 'AC'	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2
124	70	Do 'AD'	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2
124	70	Do 'AE'	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2
124	70	Do 'AF'	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2
124	70	Do 'AG'	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2
124	70	Do 'AH'	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2
124	70	Do 'AI'	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2
124	70	Do 'AJ'	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2
124	70	Do 'AK'	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2
124	70	Do 'AL'	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2
124	70	Do 'AM'	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2
124	70	Do 'AN'	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2
124	70	Do 'AO'	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2
124	70	Do 'AP'	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2
124	70	Do 'AQ'	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2
124	70	Do 'AR'	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2
124	70	Do 'AS'	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2
124	70	Do 'AT'	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2
124	70	Do 'AU'	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2
124	70	Do 'AV'	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2
124	70	Do 'AW'	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2
124	70	Do 'AX'	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2
124	70	Do 'AY'	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2
124	70	Do 'AZ'	70	72		3.0	4.2	10.2

ELECTRICALS

1987/88 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Chge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
188	100	AB Electronic	100	102	-2	17.1c	4.5	14.5
188	100	Advance Comp	100	102		17.1c	4.5	14.5
188	100	Alphameric	100	102		17.1c	4.5	14.5

BREWERIES

1987/88 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Chge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
471	308	Allied-Lyons (as)	343	348	+3	16.2	4.7	10.2
10½	5½	Bass (as)	6	6½		0.5	7.7	11.8
77	36	Bellhaven	36	38		1.5	3.9	15.5
220	124	Bellhaven	124	126		5.1	4.0	15.5
346	157	Brown (Matthew)	157	159		6.5	4.1	15.5
346	131	Burtons	131	133		5.4	4.1	15.5
288	188	Bushmill (W P)	188	192		8.0	4.2	15.5
288	188	Bushmill Irish	188	192		8.0	4.2	15.5
288	188	Clark (Matthew)	188	192		8.0	4.2	15.5
288	188	Dunbee (UK)	188	192		8.0	4.2	15.5
288	188	Greenall Whitley	188	192		8.0	4.2	15.5
288	188	Greene King	188	192		8.0	4.2	15.5
288	188	Guinness (as)	188	192		8.0	4.2	15.5
288	188	Highland Dist	188	192		8.0	4.2	15.5
288	188	Inch Bell	188	192		8.0	4.2	15.5
288	188	Matthew Thompson	188	192		8.0	4.2	15.5
288	188	Scottish & Nwcstle	188	192		8.0	4.2	15.5
288	188	Tennent Caledonian	188	192		8.0	4.2	15.5
288	188	Theakston (T & R)	188	192		8.0	4.2	15.5
288	188	Vaux Gp	188	192		8.0	4.2	15.5
288	188	Wadworth 'A' (as)	188	192		8.0	4.2	15.5
288	188	Do 'B'	188	192		8.0	4.2	15.5
288	188	Whitbread Inv	188	192		8.0	4.2	15.5
288	188	Whitbread A & D	188	192		8.0	4.2	15.5
477	274	Young 'A'	365	375		16.0	4.3	10.2

BUILDING, ROADS

1987/88 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Chge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
288	128	Abbey	128	215		10.0	4.7	10.2
440	280	Amec	341	345	+3	16.0	4.6	11.8
510	285	Ashtead	285	295		12.0	4.2	10.2
44	28	Ashtead Sec	28	30		1.2	4.2	10.2
442	210	Ashtead Utd	210	220		9.0	4.2	10.2
94	30	BPB Ind (as)	30	32		1.3	4.2	10.2
510	285	Bamptonshire Brick	285	295		12.0	4.2	10.2
94	30	Barratt Dev	30	32		1.3	4.2	10.2
510	285	Barrett Ind	285	295		12.0	4.2	10.2
510	285	Barrow (Geo) Constr	285	295		12.0	4.2	10.2
510	285	Bovis Int (as)	285	295		12.0	4.2	10.2
510	285	Bramall Thos	285	295		12.0	4.2	10.2
510	285	Brickhouse Duck	285	295		12.0	4.2	10.2
510	285	Bryant	285	295		12.0	4.2	10.2
510	285	Bulmers (H)	285	295		12.0	4.2	10.2
510	285	Burnley Gp	285	295		12.0	4.2	10.2
510	285	Burt Boulton	285	295		12.0	4.2	10.2
510	285	Burt Circle (as)	285	295		12.0	4.2	10.2
510	285	Bryden PLC	285	295		12.0	4.2	10.2
510	285	Bz Dredging	285	295		12.0	4.2	10.2
510	285	Carlton T Jackson	285	295		12.0	4.2	10.2
510	285	Cement	285	295		12.0	4.2	10.2
510	285	Cementation	285	295		12.0	4.2	10.2
510	285	Chesterfield Rotary	285	295		12.0	4.2	10.2
510	285	Clarkson	285	295		12.0	4.2	10.2
510	285	Closeburn Charles	285	295		12.0	4.2	10.2
510	285	Comben Gp	285	295		12.0	4.2	10.2
510	285	Comben PLC	285	295		12.0	4.2	10.2
510	285	Countryside	285	295		12.0	4.2	10.2
510	285	Crest Nicholson	285	295		12.0	4.2	10.2
510	285	Crosby James	285	295		12.0	4.2	10.2
510	285	Daejan (FAI)	285	295		12.0	4.2	10.2
510	285	Dawn	285	295		12.0	4.2	10.2
510	285	Dennis Hegarty	285	295		12.0	4.2	10.2
510	285	Dennis & Dudley Dist	285	295		12.0	4.2	10.2
510	285	Dowsett (EJ)	285	295		12.0	4.2	10.2
510	285	Dunbee (UK)	285	295		12.0	4.2	10.2
510	285	Henderson	285	295		12.0	4.2	10.2
510	285	Hepworth Stuart	285	295		12.0	4.2	10.2
510	285	Heywood Williams	285	295		12.0	4.2	10.2
510	285	Higgs & Hill	285	295		12.0	4.2	10.2
510	285	Holland Hldgs	285	295		12.0	4.2	10.2
510	285	Holloch Jobson	285	295		12.0	4.2	10.2
510	285	Horne (J) & Sons	285	295		12.0	4.2	10.2
510	285	Laing (J)	285	295		12.0	4.2	10.2
510	285	Laing (J) 'A'	285	295		12.0	4.2	10.2
510	285	Lawrence (Walter)	285	295		12.0	4.2	10.2
510	285	Lilley (A.E.)	285	295		12.0	4.2	10.2
510	285	Lilley (A.E.) (NV)	285	295		12.0	4.2	10.2
510	285	Lovell (Aug)	285	295		12.0	4.2	10.2
510	285	Marley (M)	285	295		12.0	4.2	10.2
510	285	Mowlem (John)	285	295		12.0	4.2	10.2
510	285	Murphy (J)	285	295		12.0	4.2	10.2
510	285	Nuttall (E)	285	295		12.0	4.2	10.2
510	285	Pauling	285	295		12.0	4.2	10.2
510	285	Pochin	285	295		12.0	4.2	10.2
510	285	Raine Inds	285	295		12.0	4.2	10.2
510	285	Ransomes	285	295		12.0	4.2	10.2
510	285	Redland	285	295		12.0	4.2	10.2
510	285	Rexworth	285	295		12.0	4.2	10.2
510	285	Ridgeway Gp	285	295		12.0	4.2	10.2
510	285	Robert Jones	285	295		12.0	4.2	10.2
510	285	Rotaflex	285	295		12.0	4.2	10.2
510	285	Scapa & Fisher	285	295		12.0	4.2	10.2
510	285	Sirdar (J)	285	295		12.0	4.2	10.2
510	285	Smith & Nephew	285	295		12.0	4.2	10.2
510	285	Stanley Gp	285	295		12.0	4.2	10.2
510	285	Stanley Leisure	285	295		12.0	4.2	10.2
510	285	Tarmac	285	295		12.0	4.2	10.2
510	285	Tarmac Lovell	285	295		12.0	4.2	10.2
510	285	Taylor Woodrow	285	295		12.0	4.2	10.2
510	285	Tilbury Gp	285	295		12.0	4.2	10.2
510	285	Tilcon	285	295		12.0	4.2	10.2
510	285	Tilling (T)	285	295		12.0	4.2	10.2
510	285	Tilmanstone Carpets	285	295		12.0	4.2	10.2
510	285	Tilmanstone Hldgs	285	295		12.0	4.2	10.2
510	285	Tilmanstone Kiln	285	295		12.0	4.2	10.2
510	285	Tilmanstone Plant	285	295		12.0	4.2	10.2
510	285	Tilmanstone Salt	285	295		12.0	4.2	10.2
510	285	Tilmanstone Trans	285	295		12.0	4.2	10.2
510	285	Tilmanstone Tunnel	285	295		12.0	4.2	10.2
510	285	Tilmanstone Water	285	295		12.0	4.2	10.2
510	285	Tilmanstone Wharf	285	295		12.0	4.2	10.2
510	285	Tilmanstone Yard	285	295		12.0	4.2	10.2
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Hi Inc Equity	115.3	123.3p	+2.7	4.83
Worldwide Bd	190.6	203.1	+0.2	4.78
American Gth	132.9	142.1p	+3.6	1.55
Asian Pacific	95.4	98.2p	+3.4	2.51
Assets & Earns	129.7	138.7	+3.0	2.66
Capital Res	76.1	76.6	+0.6	1.32
Comm Energy	92.8	99.2	-2.6	1.15
Euro Capital	89.8	95.7	+0.4	1.15
General	155.9	166.7c	+2.8	2.70
Japan	83.2	88.9	+1.6	..
UK Gth Inc	125.7	134.4	+2.7	1.79
Do Acc	180.4	196.1	+4.0	1.23
US Emerg Co	38.3	40.9p	+2.3	0.00
Income Gth	229.3	255.5	+6.8	3.71
Master Acc	66.1	70.6	+1.6	2.96
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Fin & Prop	78.8	81.4	+0.9	2.66
Hi Yield	288.6	23.8	..	5.09
Income & Gth	280.6	307.8p	+2.1	4.60
Int Earnings	173.9	184.3	+1.7	2.95
Int Growth Inc	80.7	85.9	+1.1	0.25
Japan Gth Acc	130.2	139.9	+1.0	0.20
N Amer Gth Acc	109.7	117.9	+1.1	2.70
Preference Inc	123.5	130.6	..	9.60
Smi Co Div Inc	87.1	92.3p	+0.6	4.74
Smi Co Gth	264.6	280.5	+0.7	1.66
Spec Sits Inc	123.1	130.4	+1.5	1.97
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High Yield	171.7	180.2p	+3.3	4.88
Balanced	402.8	427.9p	+12.9	3.37
Amer Inc	26.8	28.3	+0.4	4.28
World Ass Val	23.9	24.4	+0.4	1.48
Japan	122.1	129.0p	+1.9	0.01
Spec Sit Amer	239.2	186.6p	+8.9	1.14
Asset Value	287.9	305.2p	+8.4	3.35
O'seas Earn	201.7	214.9p	+3.7	3.39
Recovery	99.1	105.7	+2.2	2.42
UK Spec Sit	241.2	255.7	+5.8	2.88
Smi Co	164.7	173.9p	+2.7	1.91
Capital	241.8	256.3	+6.9	3.83
Amer Spec Sit	53.7	57.2	+1.8	1.97
International	84.6	90.1p	+0.7	1.51
Growth & Inc	148.9	157.8	+4.4	3.55
Euro Gth	16.8	17.9	+0.5	1.40
Pacific	190.0	202.3p	+3.9	0.41
2nd Smi Co	203.4	216.0	+2.6	2.01

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Australian	17.1	18.2	+0.7	1.88
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High Income	94.8	101.1	+1.4	5.26
International	80.3	85.5	+2.1	0.62
Income Growth	83.8	87.9	+1.8	4.41
Gilt/Fixed Int	22.7	24.2p	..	9.52
Global Inc	98.9	105.7	+2.2	5.34
Spec Sit	61.1	65.0	+1.7	1.37

BARCLAYS UNICORN
Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7
01-534 5544

Capital	77.2	82.1	+2.6	3.21
Euro Gth Inc	96.9	80.5	+0.7	2.04
Extra Income	92.9	98.8	+1.7	4.90
General	161.8	171.9	+4.2	3.30
Gilt & Fixed Inc	53.1	55.4	+0.2	7.98
Income Tst	387.0	411.6c	+9.5	4.07
Int Income	47.1	50.1	+1.2	4.78
Smi Co Inc	35.9	38.1	+0.7	1.25

BARING FUND MANAGERS
PO Box 356, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ
01-658 3022 Dlg Only

Australia	47.1	51.6	+0.3	0.00
Eastern	61.3	65.8p	+2.9	0.00
Equity Inc	66.8	70.9	+1.6	3.25
Europe	108.8	115.7p	+0.9	0.10
Exempt Tst	54.7	58.1	..	3.60
Growth & Inc	72.4	77.0	+2.0	2.10
Global Gth	58.5	62.2p	+1.5	0.25
Japan Spec	128.3	137.2	+1.6	0.10
Japan Sum	135.3	144.7	+1.0	0.00
First Europe	94.4	100.4	-0.1	0.50
First Japan	96.1	102.1	+1.4	0.00
First N Amer	35.1	41.5p	+0.7	1.40
First Smi Co	84.7	90.0	+1.7	1.40
N Amer Spec	37.6	39.9	+0.9	0.20
UK Growth	54.8	62.6	+0.6	5.11

BROWN SHIPLEY
9-17, Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath
0444 458144

Financial	151.8	163.2	+1.0	1.70
Smlr Co Acc	264.5	307.4	+2.8	0.86
Do Inc	192.9	207.1	+1.8	3.26
High Income	77.8	83.6	+1.0	5.29
Income	92.7	99.7	+0.8	5.16
Main Portf Inc	142.8	89.0	+1.8	2.25
Do Acc	140.3	150.9	+2.8	2.25
Nth American	43.2	46.5p	+0.7	0.21
Orient	81.4	87.5	+0.8	0.10
Exempt	247.8	266.4	+1.2	2.24
Recovery	59.6	64.1p	+0.5	2.45
German	32.0	33.7	+0.4	1.88
Int Recov	22.6	24.3	+0.3	1.00
Europe	15.4	16.6	+0.1	4.00

BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT
The Stock Exchange London EC2P 2JT
01-588 2868 01 629 2248

Emerg Inc	..	..	..	..
Fellowship Inc	58.5	62.2	+0.9	1.50
General Inc 4	269.4	277.1p	+3.6	2.28
Do Acc 4	454.8	482.0	+9.3	2.28
Income Fd 3	128.3	136.5	+2.3	5.00
Do Acc 3	237.2	252.3	+4.2	5.00
Int Inc 2	102.3	108.7	+3.6	1.68
Do Acc 2	128.0	145.3	+4.5	1.68
Smlr Inc 5	88.1	93.7p	+0.7	1.50
Do Acc	95.5	101.5	+0.7	1.50

CANNON FUND MANAGERS
1, Olympic Way, Wembley Middx HA9 0NB
01-902 8876

Growth	31.2	33.2e	+0.7	2.77
Income	39.6	42.2e	+0.6	3.92
Far East	24.3	25.9e	+0.1	0.24
Nth American	25.5	27.2e	+0.8	0.76
Global	40.8	43.3e	+1.0	0.79
European	36.8	39.2	+0.8	1.36
Japan	74.4	79.2	-0.3	0.01

CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT
PO Box 551 Bevis Marks London EC3 7JD
01-621 0011

Capital	387.6	412.4	+10.9	2.86
Income	339.1	360.8	+5.4	5.42
Nth Amer	217.0	230.9	+10.9	2.06

CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ
01-588 1815

Investment	420.75	..	..	4.90
Fixed Int	142.65	..	..	10.02
Deposit	100.0	..	..	9.20

CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ
01-588 1815

Income	386.79	●	..	5.26
Acc	£12.0662	●	..	..
Deposit	100.0	..	..	9.20

CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MNGRS
72/75,Basinghall St, London EC2V 5DP
01-606 6822

S/C Spec Sit	59.0	62.4	..	0.46

CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH
0800 373393

Amer Gth	18.0	19.1	+0.2	1.06
Asia Gth	23.9	25.2	..	1.40
Dragon Gth	19.3	20.5	+0.8	2.46
Equity Hi Inc	54.2	57.4p	+0.4	4.74
European Gth	23.2	24.6	+0.4	1.55
Gen Equity	36.9	39.7	+0.1	2.91
Gilt Instnl Gth	32.2	33.8	+0.2	7.98
Gilt & Fixed Int	24.5	25.8p	+0.2	9.15
Int Income Tst	22.1	23.4	..	6.36
Japan Gth	40.3	42.7	+0.8	0.00
Pedigree Gth	28.2	29.8	..	2.19
Special Sits	34.4	36.5	..	2.30

COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS
St Helen's, 1, Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ
01-283 7500 Dealing 01-886 9818

UK & Gen Inc	51.8	55.1p	+2.0	3.74
Do Acc	53.1	56.5p	+2.0	3.74
Income Inc	54.8	58.3p	+2.0	4.01
Do Acc	56.3	59.9p	+2.0	4.01
Worldwide Inc	46.7	43.5p	+1.5	1.67
Do Acc	40.9	43.7p	+1.5	1.67
Gamma Inc	32.0	34.1	+0.7	0.75
Do Acc	32.0	34.1	+0.7	0.75
Amer Gth	50.7	54.0	+0.7	0.74
Euro Gth	47.2	50.3	+0.2	0.51
Far East	53.5	56.5	+1.4	0.01

CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES LTD
Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW
04862 5033

Amer Tst	101.1	108.3e	+5.6	0.91
Canadian Gth	17.9	19.4	+0.7	1.50
European Tst	78.2	84.5	+0.8	..
Growth Tst	256.7	277.5	+9.5	3.06
High Income	316.2	341.8	+11.3	4.77
Int Tech Tst	101.2	109.4	+4.3	..
Japanese Tst	169.4	204.8	+2.8	..

CRUSADER UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Kingston, Surrey KT2 5BL
01-549 2424

European Gth	44.2	47.6	+0.4	3.00
Euro Spec Sits	31.8	34.6	+0.4	1.30
International	45.1	48.6e	+0.4	1.60
N Amer Gth	37.2	40.1	+1.8	1.60
Pacific Gth	48.9	52.6	+1.6	4.80
UK Gth Acc	59.5	64.0	+1.3	0.00
UK Inc	56.7	61.0	+1.8	4.80

EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh
031-226 3662

American Fd	51.6	55.0	+0.5	1.82
Capital Fd	116.1	123.7	+0.7	..
Eurofund	19.9	21.2p	+0.2	2.36
Growth & Inc	114.2	121.6	..	3.30
High Dist Fd	143.3	152.6	+0.3	4.91
International	178.5	190.1	+0.5	1.18
Recovery Fd	17.6	19.0	+0.3	0.00
Resources Fd	21.7	23.1	+0.1	0.66
Smlr Jap Co	36.3	38.7p	+0.2	..
Tokyo Fd	168.7	179.7	+0.2	..
Ex Amer 2	109.5	112.5	..	2.00
Ex Amer 3	107.4	114.4	..	2.00
Ex Pacific 4	277.9	295.8	..	0.33
Ex Smlr Jap 4	219.6	225.6	..	0.10

EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LG
0242 221311

UK Balan Inc	81.5	86.5e	+2.1	2.81
Do Acc	85.5	90.7e	+2.1	2.70
UK Gth Acc	116.1	123.2	+2.6	2.23
UK High Inc	92.8	98.5	+1.9	4.45
N Amer Acc	58.6	62.7	+1.8	1.12
Do Exist	55.2	58.6e	+1.7	1.12
European Acc	83.6	88.6	+1.5	1.52
UK Gt/Fin Inc	35.2	58.6e	+0.4	8.98
Do Acc	62.8	66.6e	+0.5	7.56
Int Sher Sec	96.8	98.2	+1.1	7.77

ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LIMITED
Admin Centre Hexagon House Rendlesh NR11 3LB
01706 65868

Endurance	106.1	112.9	..	1.62

EQUITABLE UNITS ADMINISTRATION
Walton Street Aylesbury, HP21 7QW
0296 431480

Capital	90.1	95.9	+2.1	3.14
High Income	93.9	99.9	+2.4	4.45
Gt/Fxd Interest	51.1	54.4p	+0.5	7.87
Tst Of Inv Tsts	77.8	82.8	+2.4	1.80
Spec Sits Tst	91.5	97.4	+2.3	5.26
Nth Amer Tst	49.8	53.0	+2.4	1.68
Far East Tst	95.0	101.1	+3.6	0.40
Int Growth	48.3	51.4	+1.7	1.26
European Tst	35.9	38.2	-0.3	1.53

EQUITY & LAW
St. George Hse Corporation St. Coventry CV1 1BD
0203 553231

UK Gth Acc	165.6	176.1	..	3.53
Do Inc	139.0	147.8	..	3.53
Higher Inc Acc	305.8	325.1	..	4.58
Do Inc	234.7	249.6	..	4.58
Gilt/Fixed Acc	108.4	114.1	..	7.95
Do Inc	84.3	88.7	..	8.19
N Amer Acc	102.3	108.8	..	0.27
Far East Acc	162.9	193.6	..	0.04
Euro Tst Acc	109.7	116.6	..	0.89
Bnt Excell	37.8	40.2	..	3.12

F & C UNIT MANAGEMENT
1, Laurence Pountney Hill, London EC4R 0BA
01-623 4699

US Smlr Co	49.3	52.5	+2.3	0.96
UK Inc Fd	92.4	98.3	+2.1	4.87
Far East Fd	60.0	65.2	+2.3	0.00
Overseas Inc	54.4	60.0e	+0.8	4.99
Fxd Interest	56.4	60.2e	+0.2	10.45
Natural Res Fd	56.9	60.6	+0.4	2.03
European Inc	53.9	57.4	+1.5	2.73
Financials Fd	62.2	64.9	+0.9	2.65
Int Sec Fd	93.2	101.7	+1.3	0.57

FS INVESTMENT MANAGERS
190, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA
041-332 3132

Basic Gth Acc	60.7	64.6	+0.3	..
Do Inc	58.2	61.9	+0.4	0.40
Hi Yield Acc	28.4	30.2p	+0.5	..
Do Inc	27.2	28.9p	+0.5	5.10
Inc Gth Acc	52.0	55.3p	-0.6	..
Do Inc	45.3	48.2p	-0.5	4.00
Serv Co Acc	62.5	66.5	-0.2	..
Do Inc	61.3	65.2	-0.2	0.60
Amer Gth Acc	19.8	21.1	+0.4	..
Do Inc	19.6	21.1	+0.4	1.00
Euro Gth Acc	14.9	15.9	+0.2	1.00
Do Inc	14.9	15.9	+0.2	1.00

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD
Rivar Mills, Tonbridge, TN9 1BY
Cattmee 0909 414161

American	90.5	96.8	+1.5	1.18
Amer Eggy Inc	35.7	37.5	+0.7	5.32
Amer Spec Sit	39.1	40.8	+1.5	0.00
Australian	19.7	21.0	+0.5	2.51
European	45.7	48.9	+0.4	..
European Inc	19.6	20.9	..	4.72
Global Conv	27.5	29.3p	..	3.57
Far East Inc	35.4	37.7	+0.3	0.00
Gt/Fxd Interest	28.9	●	+0.2	9.90
Growth & Inc	106.9	116.5p	+2.2	4.30
High Income	58.7	62.8	+0.9	..
Japan Spec Sit	58.7	62.8	+0.9	..
Japan	141.6	151.5	+1.0	..
Mgn Interest	112.2	119.4	+2.6	1.12
Mgn Inc Eggy	103.5	110.8	+0.1	4.88
Famous Names	38.2	40.9	+0.7	2.05
SE Asia	30.5	32.7	+1.7	0.00
Spec Sit	242.4	259.2	+10.5	0.87
Eastern Opps	19.6	20.9	..	0.90

FRANKLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT
3, London Wall Bldgs, London Wall, London EC2M 5NQ
01-638 5181

Amer/Can Inc	156.2	158.9	+0.1	..
Do Acc	153.5	162.4	+0.3	..
Amer Turn Inc	158.0	167.1	+7.6	1.68
Do Acc	163.8	173.4	+8.0	1.63
Capital Inc	261.4	276.6	+4.2	2.14
Do Acc	322.5	341.0	+5.2	2.14
Conv/Gth Inc	100.7	106.5e	+0.5	4.98
Do Acc	141.8	150.1e	+0.8	4.98
European Inc	47.8	50.5	+0.7	0.66
Do Acc	48.0	50.7	+0.7	0.66
Extra Inc Inc	226.3	239.4e	+0.6	4.01
Do Acc	253.8	268.5e	+1.4	4.01
Financial Acc	40.6	42.1	+1.4	0.84
Do Inc	39.8	42.1	+1.3	0.84
Income Tst	153.4	162.3e	+2.6	5.91
Do Acc	169.2	179.1e	+2.9	5.91
Int Growth Inc	131.9	139.5	+4.5	..
Do Acc	146.5	155.0	+5.1	..
Japan/Gen Inc	103.7	109.7	+2.2	..
Do Acc	104.8	110.9	+2.2	..
Monthly Inc Fd	115.7	122.4p	+1.8	3.12
PEP 87	56.2	59.4	+3.2	2.57
Recovery	160.8	170.1e	+4.0	2.94
Smaller Inc	50.6	53.5	+0.5	3.85
Do Acc	50.6	53.5	+0.5	3.85

FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH
Dealing:0722 411411 Admin:0722 413929

Equity Dist	222.6	235.3	+0.5	2.64
Do Acc	393.0	405.5	+5.5	2.64
Euro Gth Dist	47.4	50.3	..	0.98
Do Acc	47.4	50.3	..	0.98
Fxd Interest Di	114.3	121.5	+0.6	10.20
Do Acc	144.5	153.7	+0.8	10.20
Int Gth Dist	48.5	51.5	+1.5	1.45
Do Acc	48.5	51.5	+1.5	1.45
Nth Amer Dist	105.7	112.3e	+4.9	2.31
Do Acc	107.4	114.1e	+4.9	2.31
Pac Basin Dist	150.8	160.0e	+0.2	0.13
Do Acc	176.4	186.5e	+0.1	0.13
Sterling Dist	221.7	235.3	+3.1	1.25
Do Acc	222.3	246.6	+3.3	1.25
Steregni Inc Di	52.8	56.0	+1.0	3.57
Do Acc	52.8	56.0	+1.0	3.57
N Am Shrd Di	48.8	51.8	+1.5	1.93
Do Acc	48.8	51.8	+1.5	1.93

GT UNIT MANAGERS
8th Floor, 5, Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ
01-283 2575 Dealing 01-626 9421

Amer Spec Sit	51.3	54.6	+1.1	0.70
UK Cap Inc	123.0	130.9	+1.5	2.40
Do Acc	179.8	191.3	+1.7	2.40
Income Fd	98.0	102.2	+2.0	4.70
International	145.1	154.4	+4.9	0.50
US & General	43.9	46.8	+1.4	1.00
Japan & Gen	253.3	269.3	+5.4	0.10
Far East Gen	113.0	120.2	+2.4	0.10
European Fd	202.7	215.7	+2.9	0.10
Germany Fd	47.4	50.5	-1.2	1.90
Int Inc Fd	47.5	50.6e	+0.7	5.50
Wld Spec Sit	56.4	60.0	+1.3	1.80

GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS
Gartmore House, 16-18 Monument St, London EC3R 8AJ
Services: 0800 282000

American	64.2	68.1	+2.5	0.70
Australian	17.9	19.1	+0.5	0.00
British Acc	69.2	74.5	+1.8	1.96
Do Dist	59.1	63.8	+1.4	1.96
Cheit UK Gth	24.6	26.1	+0.6	1.81
Common Shares	58.4	62.0	+1.4	0.84
Continental	41.6	44.6	+0.4	0.75
Extra Income	58.6	64.4	+0.9	4.37
Far East Tst	114.2	122.1	+3.8	0.30
Fxd Interest	27.3	29.1	..	9.11
Financial Inds	22.1	23.6	+0.7	0.30
Global Fd	153.5	164.0	+4.4	0.40
Gt Mnt Fd	144.7	155.6	+4.2	0.40
Gold Shares	17.1	18.3	+0.5	0.50
Hedged Amer	29.0	31.2p	+0.5	0.50
High Income	30.3	32.6	+0.5	5.22
Hong Kong	30.8	33.2	+1.7	0.80
Income Fd	99.2	106.7	+2.3	4.60
Int Fd Interest	23.3	24.6e	-0.1	9.61
Japan Tst	116.1	124.2	+1.6	2.50
Main Expt	258.3	268.1	+7.1	2.37
Oil & Energy	40.3	41.7	+1.3	0.00
Spec Sit	106.9	115.0	+4.4	1.20
UK Sm Co Rec	98.5	106.0	+2.9	0.30

Glenmore (formerly Oppenheimer) Tst Management Ltd

Glob Inc/Gth	69.9	74.7	+0.2	4.47
Oppen Hi Inc	33.2	35.5p	+0.3	6.16
Pacific Gth	44.4	47.5p	+1.1	1.35
Pract Inv Inc	62.8	67.1	+1.3	3.05
Do Acc	117.0	125.1	+2.4	3.05
Wrwide Recov	85.7	91.6p	+2.5	2.00

Selected Opportunities Tsts

American	25.7	27.4	+1.1	0.60
European	51.8	55.4	..	1.61
International	109.2	116.8e	+2.4	1.84
Japan	90.9	97.1	+1.0	0.00
UK	58.4	63.5e	+1.4	1.30

GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT
Stockfinch Hse, 4, Bastle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR
01-378 7979 Dealing:01-686 0526

Int Gth	83.6	91.0e	+2.6	1.15
American Gth	54.5	57.9e	+2.6	1.33
American Inc	56.1	59.6	+2.2	5.21
European Gth	43.4	46.4e	+0.6	1.26
Gold & Mnrls	56.1	59.7	+1.2	0.54
Japan Gth	36.3	38.6e	+0.9	..
Pacific Inc	63.9	67.9e	+2.3	4.52
Pacific Strat	39.7	42.2	+1.8	0.41
UK Prop Inc	71.5	76.0e	+1.7	4.95
UK Spec Opps	139.3	148.0	+3.1	1.44
UK Co Tst	211.0	221.6	..	..
Gt British	38.7	39.0	+1.3	3.51

GRE UNIT MANAGERS
Royal Exchange, EC3P 3DN
01-588 9903

Gt/Fxd Interest	117.3	121.8	+1.7	9.11
Gth Equity	229.4	242.8	+0.4	2.25
Guaranteed	288.1	298.5	+1.5	2.88
Income Tst	92.7	99.0	+2.0	3.81

GUINNESS MAHON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
PO Box 449, 32 St Mary-at-Hill, London EC3P 3AJ
01-623 9333

Global Gth	33.6	35.8	..	0.00
High Income	94.6	100.5e	..	5.00
N Amer Tst	79.5	84.6	..	0.53
Pacific Gth	31.8	33.9	..	0.50
Recovery	300.5	319.7	..	2.45
St Vincent Inc	98.8	101.4	..	3.27
St Vinc US Gth	46.8	48.8	..	1.16
Tiempo B Sp Co	222.5	236.2p	..	3.31
Euro Gth Tst	37.3	39.5	..	0.90

HAMBROS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Admin: 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex.
Brokers 0277 227300 Dealing 0277 261810

Amer Eqty Inc	49.2	52.2	+1.4	5.27
Canadian Tst	39.1	41.5	+1.4	0.31
Equity Income	102.0	108.2e	+2.1	5.07
Australian	17.9	19.1	+0.5	0.00
High Income	81.4	86.4	+1.1	5.42
Int Sits Tst	46.5	49.3	+1.9	1.46
Japan/F East	102.5	109.2	+3.6	0.29
Nth Amer Tst	51.2	54.3	+2.2	1.29
Recov & Asset	80.9	84.8	+1.5	1.92
Scandinavian	65.3	69.3	+1.1	1.11
Smlr Co	33.6	35.7e	+0.6	1.19
UK New Gen	36.3	40.6	+1.9	1.11

HENDERSON

Premier Int	Administration Admin 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex.			
0277 261616				
Amer Recov	75.7	80.7p	..	0.00
Amer Smlr Co	32.9	35.1	..	0.00
Australasian	71.1	75.8	+2.5	0.00
Best of World	47.6	50.6	+0.8	2.41
Cap Gth Inc	61.1	65.1	+1.7	2.10
Do Acc	61.1	75.4	+1.8	2.10
Eurotrust	101.7	108.4	..	0.90
Euro Inc Tst	38.0	41.6	..	5.38
Euro Smlr Co	84.4	89.6	..	0.15
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PERSPECTIVE

DTI's plans for research are coolly received

A more favourable response might have been expected to the measures announcenced by the Department of Trade and Industry for a complete overhaul of the Government's approach to support for industrial research and the development of technology, instead of the grudging, lukewarm reception it received.

For the measures outlined in the White Paper go a long way to answering the barrage of criticism over the Government's alleged failure to appreciate the connection between R&D and economic growth.

Britain has been accused of technological myopia, while her major industrial competitors share a simple, fundamental and very different focus in recognizing the link between research and development, a healthy balance of trade in manufactured goods and a better standard of living.

A persistent critic of the DTI's old policies, Mr Amadee Turner welcomed the new ones by saying: "There has been a revolution in the DTI's thinking."

But he believes the change in direction is not matched by enough money to put the new policies into full effect.

He said: "So although the DTI has changed direction, it will only move slowly, compared with our competitors.

Mr Turner, who is a Euro MP for Suffolk and South-East Cambridgeshire, and a patents lawyer, said: "We are at last pulling in the same direction as the United States, Japan, West Germany and France."

But one aspect of the new policy causes him concern. He believes it will stifle innovation by small firms.

Mr Turner is a fervent advocate of forging industrial links between European firms so that they can join in so-called "pre-competitive" research and development.

He is absolutely certain that competition in high technology from America and Japan can only be met by forging European industrial alliances in pre-competitive research and development.

His conviction about the need to support pre-competitive research that establishes a new technology, as opposed to giving money for the development of a specific industrial product or process that comes afterwards, fuelled his campaign against the Government last year.

He challenged the British attitude to EEC negotiations over the five-year European collaborative research and development scheme known as Framework, which includes the £2 billion information technology programme, and its Esprit II, and another venture covering telecommunications, called Race.

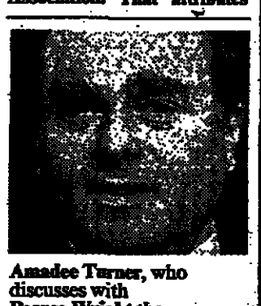
They are major pre-competitive R&D programmes designed to produce enabling technologies throughout Europe for their respective industries.

An even bleaker picture emerges from a new study by the Electronic Engineering Association. That attributes the reversal in Britain's trade balance in manufactured goods largely to a decline in industrial R&D. Of course, the deficit in manufactured goods is a source of anxiety to the United States.

Yet the Americans have sustained a level of industrial R&D almost 10 times higher than other countries. This year industrial R&D in the United States is expected to exceed £50 billion, with over £35 billion paid for by private industry.

Nevertheless, the decline of competitiveness of Britain's trade in high technology goods, with the exception of aerospace, follows closely on the downward trend in spending on R&D.

As a result, it is increasingly likely that components and systems designed, engineered and manufactured abroad, are shipped from all parts of the world into the UK for the assembly of cars or refrigerators, computers, microchips or nuclear power plant



Amadee Turner, who discusses with Pearce Wright the implications of the Government's plans to reconcile the needs of economic growth and research and development



Something intriguing here, surely? The object of interest for these girls peering through a protected window in the West End is something unique for that part of London. So what is the connection with technology? All is revealed in Page 33

The microchip with the power to cancel out those 'noises off'

By Pearce Wright
Science Editor

The background interference that makes conversations from public telephone boxes virtually impossible because of the rumble of vehicle engines and general street noise will soon be a thing of the past. The invention that will get rid of the unwanted sounds is known as noise cancellation, or the production of anti-noise.

Dr Michael Trinder, the leader of a team of scientists which has been working on the development for 10 years, expects the method to be used for protecting hearing in noisy conditions in industry, to reduce the noise in aircraft cabins and to cut sounds from vehicle exhausts.

Dr Trinder's group at the Wolfson Centre at Essex University, is one of the world leaders in analysing the causes of unwanted noise and devising ways to combat it.

They do it by generating antinoise that cancels out the roar of engines, the whine of industrial fans and power transformers and the throb of heavy machinery, while leaving desired sounds as sharp and clear as ever.

The Essex University team has conquered background noise that disrupts telephone conversation by incorporating a microchip into the handset. It generates pulses of anti-noise in the earpiece, cancelling out the unwanted sounds.

In other applications, being studied by industry and for military applications, the anti-noise is fed through earmuffs.

Dr Trinder said: " What we call noise is only sound we would rather not hear at all. Until recently, the only way of reducing it was to use passive techniques such as silencers and soundproofing. But they tend to take up a lot of space."

He likens sound waves, which are a series of increases and decreases in air pressure which follow each other in rapid succession, to the ripples produced when a stone is thrown in a pool. When the air pressure variations strike the ear drum they are perceived as sound.

If another sequence of pressure changes, which is an exact mirror image of the sound pressure changes, can be generated at the ear drum they cancel each other out.

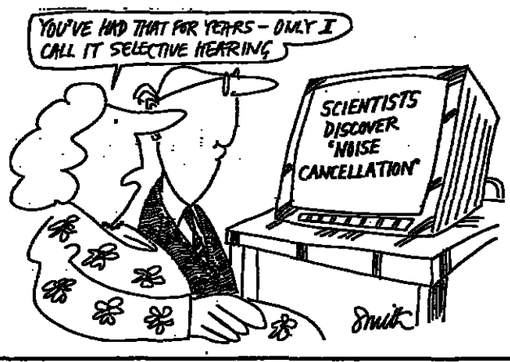
The significance of this is that there is no pressure change at all – in effect there is silence.

Although it sounds straightforward , the trick of exploiting the theory of anti-noise depends on very advanced computer methods to analyse the components of different types of noise.

The studies employ a long-established mathematical technique, known as Fourier analysis, for breaking down any regular wave motions of any vibration whatsoever: mechanical, audio, light, electricity.

However, Fourier analysis came into its own in the 1960s with the advent of ever-cheap, powerful computers and the perfection of software to perform a version of the technique, called the fast Fourier transform.

Today a clever computer program can dissect a complex noise into 1,024 separate frequencies in a fraction of a second, revealing underlying harmonics that can often be clues to complex phenomena in the world of hearing.



At the American Government's Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Fourier analysis is advancing the art of detecting subtle noises in the depths of nuclear reactors, indicating any problems.

Commercial techniques are being devised to pinpoint loose parts in reactor cooling systems, including nuts, bolts and even tools left behind after construction or maintenance.

An unusual spin-off of such work is the ability to distinguish between Africanized, or "killer," bees and domestic ones. Now in Mexico and moving northward at a rate of 200 miles a year, Africanized bees appear almost identical to domestic species but are much more aggressive and unpredictable.

Previously, they could be identified only through tedious examination by microscope. But Oak Ridge researchers suspected that killer bees beat their wings at a different frequency than domestic ones, in theory allowing their detection through noise analysis. So they tracked down tape recordings of Africanized bees.

The scientists went to Venezuela for a field test in identifying Africanized bees using Fourier analysis. The method proved so effective that the researchers are racing to perfect and patent a portable detection device, hoping it will be marketed commercially and used to help track and control the bees' spread in North America.

JOBSCENE

Hi-tech experts who get the call into court

By Caroline Berman

Whenever there is a legal case involving the higher end of technology, it is likely that an expert witness will be needed to explain computing or scientific practises to the court.

Being asked to appear as an expert witness, either behind the scenes or in court, can be a profitable business.

The experts are paid a top consultancy rate for the time spent on such cases. Associations such as the British Computer Society and the Association of Professional Computer Consultants are now providing lists of experts available for use by solicitors or barristers.

"These organizations are very enthusiastic about providing legal witnesses because it is a source of money and kudos," said Graham Shipley, a barrister who specialises in computer cases.

Expert witnesses are usually called in to explain the generally understood technology. In one of Mr Shipley's cases, a company was alleged to have copied a program and some circuitry.

An expert in design of programs and hardware explained in court how these were designed, and calculated the probability that two people would come up with the identical program.

The BCS criteria for including people onto their register of expert witnesses is that they should be fellows of the society, with a minimum of ten years in computing, a balanced background, and with a knowledge and appreciation of legal practise and court proceedings.

Experience of two years for the experts

However, Mr Shipley says that it is undesirable for the expert witnesses to know too much about legal questions. "There is a danger they will try to tell the judge the answer to the question of law, not of technology, and this can upset the judge" he said.

But it is useful if the expert has been a witness before to give him a flavour of what it is like in court.

To get onto the APCC list of expert witnesses you must first be a member of the APCC, which means two years experience as a consultant, and then be passed by a committee.

The APCC gets one or two inquiries a week from solicitors wanting expert advice, although if one of its members writes something for the *Law Society Gazette*, the number of inquiries could rise to around 12.

Mark Mathiason, a consultant specializing in systems for small and medium sized companies, became involved in legal work when he was asked to give an expert opinion in a case six years ago.

A dozen inquiries after article appears in paper

"I was asked to find a path through the computer jargon. Neither the solicitors nor barristers understood the computing terms," he said

Once you've appeared in court as an expert witness once, successfully, you are likely to be noticed, and asked by other solicitors to appear for them.

Mr Mathiason now spends 30 per cent of his time on legal cases and has worked on about 20 in the past five years. "There is a danger that people can turn into professional expert witnesses. If that is all they do, they get out of touch. It is important to continue with the general consultancy," he warned.

William Jacot, managing director of consultant DBA Computer Services, is also on the APCC list of expert witnesses, and has worked on about 50 cases over the past five years, also spending about a third of his time on legal cases. He has acted for suppliers over copyright problems, and has assessed how much computers are worth for loss adjusters.

The pay for being an expert witness can be about £600 a day or £75 per hour. However, Mr Jacot warns that experts should be careful about their own payment terms and make sure they get paid each month – or they may not get paid until the conclusion of the case, which could take several years.

Big link-up aims for extra appeal

By Matthew May

Apple Computer and Digital Equipment announced a tie up last Friday that will establish a formal link between the Macintosh line of personal computers and Digital's Vax minicomputers.

The logic behind the tie up is to provide an alternative to the dominance of IBM that can span from the smallest to the largest computer. It will also involve joint work on developing the two companies network.

Under the agreement Macintosh computers will be able to access information and share resources with DEC's *minicomputers*. No specific products have been announced but the companies are planning a joint developers conference in August.

Despite a good reputation for the Macintosh range, Apple is only gradually overcoming resistance amongst business purchasers that its machines can provide a credible corporate alternative in a market where most products follow IBM standard's.

Apple is promising a substantial improvement to its products and to increase the ease of communication between IBM-compatible PCs and the Macintosh. A link with Digital should boost Apple's chances of getting into offices.

Similarly Digital Equipment's reluctance to follow the IBM standard in personal computers resulted in it's attempt at a personal computer, the Rainbow, seeing few sales and the company left out of a rapidly increasing part of office computer sytems.

The timing for such a link makes considerable sense. IBM has still to see if it can force the business world to a new set of its standards with the PS/2 personal computers it launched last year.

Digital Equipment could do with some extra appeal. Though it was able to take advantage of IBM's disorganised networking and minicomputer products last year IBM has slimmed down and is fighting back.

Digital's growth rates are starting to slow though last week the company announced respectable increases for it's last quarter up to December 26th. Sales were up 23 per cent to $2.8 billion and profit up 22 per cent to $329 million.

The company is expected to announce its first computer with mainframe processing power this summer. Digital is also the first company to join a consortium organised by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology which aims to develop a system that will allow networking over a a wide range of different brands of equipment.

High-tech charger

Inmos yesterday launched the equivalent of a turbo-charger for computers based around its world-beating transputer, the "computer on a chip".

Little more than two years after its launch, demand for the product has become so diverse that Inmos have decided to bring out a family of transputer modules, or Trams, consisting of transputers with a variety of memory sizes.

Inmos admits to being amazed by some of the uses to which the transputer is now being put. The days when this microchip, the latest version of which can perform two million floating point operations a second, being used only by scientists are long gone.

For example, laser printer manufacturers are demanding transputers so that they can produce machines capable of producing more than simple black-on-white images as fast as possible.

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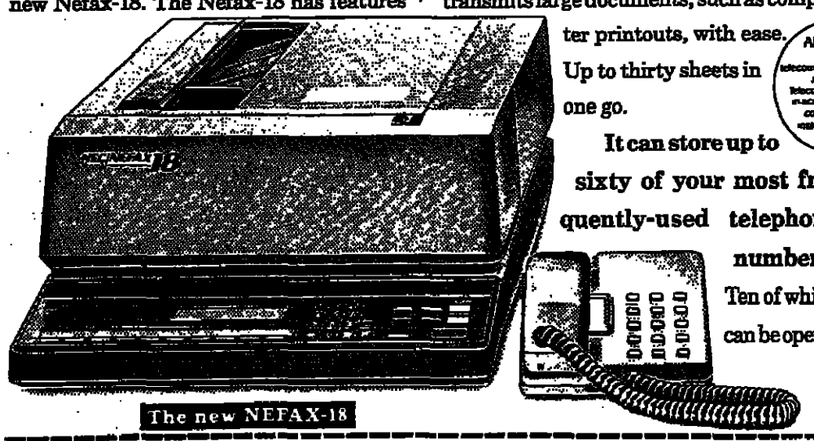
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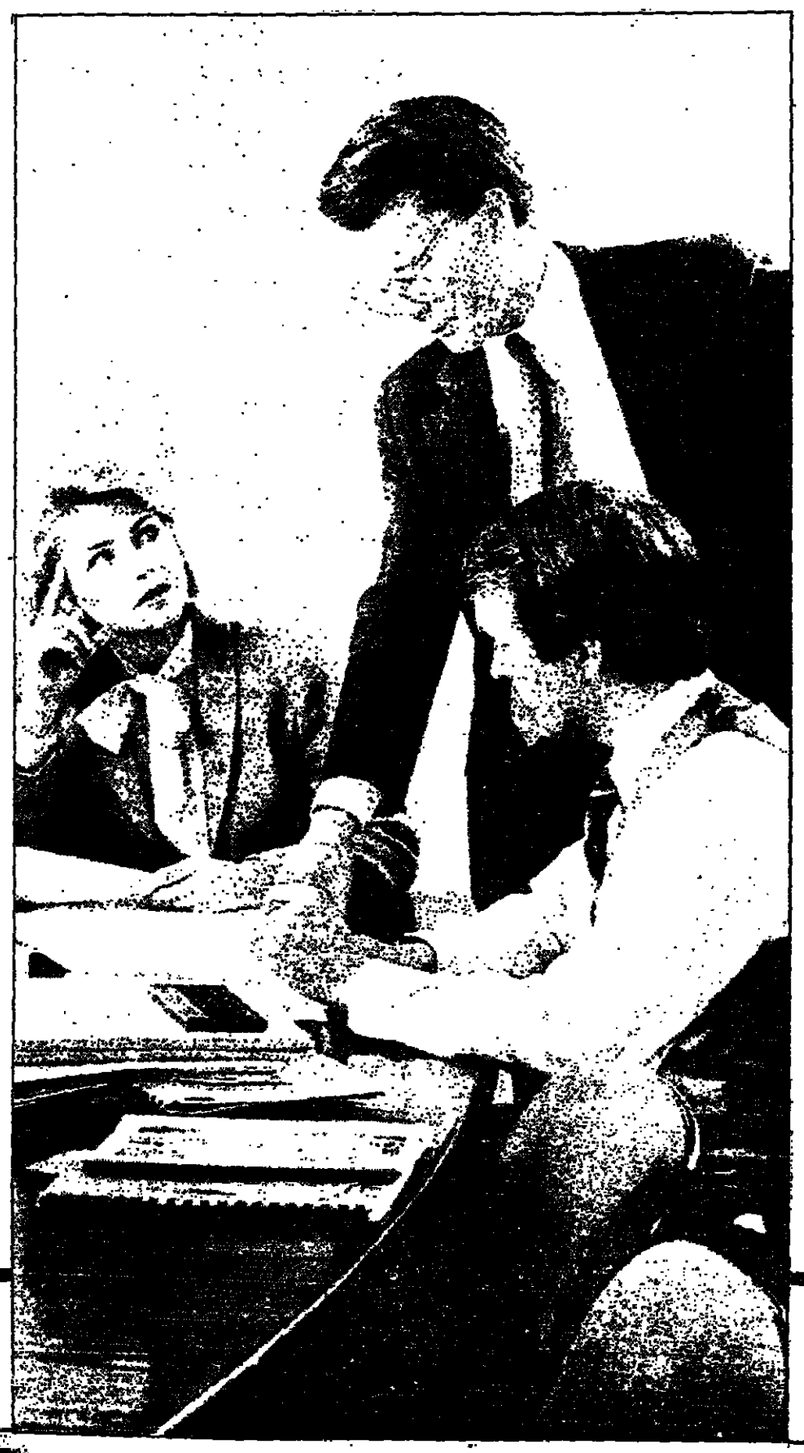
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World lead in lasers for UK industry

British industry has taken a world lead in the field of medical-laser technology. The goal is to stimulate particular applications of these devices, where the laser promises to revolutionize surgery

The development comes with the creation of a new company called Living Technology, which has been created by Pilkington Medical Systems and BOC Health Care.

It combines their expertise in the development of medical systems.

Eye surgery has been one of the great beneficiciaries of the laser beam for treatments such as replacing detached retinas.

But the Living Technology team is extending its work with doctors to perfect special laser systems to treat deep-seated serious diseases, including cancers and heart disease, and in the use of fibre optics to direct the laser energy on lesions.

Michael Holmes, a director of the new company, is confident that continuing research is expected to yield new breakthroughs in these areas over the next two years.



Bill Warhurst

Why is this man luring so many sightseers?

By Frank Brown

London's latest tourist attraction is a small computer-controlled manufacturing plant.

The CD Factory, as it is called, makes compact discs in full view of customers in one of Oxford Street's busiest shops, the vast Virgin record store in Tottenham Court Road. From behind a glass screen, the public can watch CD production processes being carried out, with colour monitors explaining each process. Said to be the world's first factory in a retail store, Virgin insists it is no gimmick, but a genuine manufacturing line.

It produces discs sequentially rather than by traditional batch production methods and can produce a compact disc every 10 seconds, or about 5,500 a day on a three-shift basis. The CDs will cost £8.99 — £2 or £3 less than most current ones, says Virgin's founder, Richard Branson.

Extensive computer control and disc-fabrication techniques have been used to make it about half the size of conventional CD production lines, and about half the cost — £750,000 compared with around £1.5 million.

As the newly-moulded discs emerge, they are automatically transferred by robot arms to a machine which puts an ultra-thin film of aluminium over the music to provide the reflective surface CD players need to "read" it.

In use, a CD player reads the music by shining a laser beam through the disc so that it reflects off the indented metallic surface. Further robotic systems transfer the metallized discs to a lacquering machine and on to a two-colour screen-printing machine where they are automatically labelled and stacked, ready for transfer to Virgin's record packing plant near Heathrow Airport.

Mr Branson hopes the plant will give Virgin an edge over its competitors by enabling it to manufacture new-release CDs on-site in advance of main production runs.

Britain shows off its new ideas at the big show

By Geof Wheelwright

What will probably be the largest British business computer exhibition of the year opens its doors today at the Birmingham National Exhibition Centre with the expectation of a host of new products from many of the large firms.

Most plans focus on the release of either larger and more powerful computer printers based on laser technology or faster and higher-capacity computers that use the 386 computer processor chip.

Perhaps the biggest surprise is what Amstrad is not announcing. Many industry observers have been predicting the company will show its version of the powerful PC's based on the 286 computer processor, which would be a logical follow-on from Amstrad's successful range of low-cost machines.

Instead, the company is showing completed models of the portable computers it announced and showed in pre-production form last October — as well as some software that will be included.

These programs include word-processing, diary and limited computer database functions with Amstrad counting on it being the something extra to help it crack the notoriously difficult portable computer market.

It will, however, have a tough time as there is stiff competition from the likes of Japanese giant Toshiba which over the past two years has released low-cost and well-constructed portable computers that can use IBM PC software.

This year Toshiba is concentrating on a £3,000 laser printer. It is another crowded market. Hewlett-Packard and Apple have an estimated 60 per cent of the laser printer market — one of the fastest-growing sales areas in the personal computers.

Hewlett-Packard have the lion's share of this as Apple's Laserwriter range is primarily designed for use with it's Macintosh.

Visitors to the show can expect the continuing onward march of the low-cost, Far East clone computers that provide IBM PC-style power at consumer electronics prices.



Richard McDaniel of Argonne National Laboratory pouring liquid nitrogen into the world's first electric motor based on the unique properties of high-temperature superconductors

Building of the first super motor

By Robert Matthews

The building by America's Argonne National Laboratory of the world's first motor that exploits the revolutionary ceramic superconductors has highlighted the possible large-scale applications of these unique materials.

Until now, most of the attention has been focussed on the possibility of making electronic components such as chip interconnects and Josephson junction ultra-fast switches out of the ceramics, which lose all their electrical resistance when chilled with liquid nitrogen. Argonne's 50 revolution-a-minute motor gives a glimpse of just how much broader the impact of these materials will be.

The device exploits the so-called Meissner effect, whereby superconductors repel any magnetic field that comes close to them. The 8.5in. aluminium disc has 24 electromagnets fixed to its rim, and spins over a bath of liquid nitrogen in which two hockey-puck sized chunks of yttrium-based superconducting ceramic are immersed.

As each electromagnet approaches one of the chunks, electric current is fed to it, producing a magnetic field. This is repelled by the superconductor, which gives a push to the entire disc, bringing the next electromagnet into place to repeat the process.

The Argonne scientists freely admit that their motor is little more than a technology demonstrator. Motors capable of useful power output are unlikely for a few years yet, says Dr Roger Poeppel, manager of the laboratory's department of ceramics.

Dr Poeppel says the value of the "Meissner motor" is in helping engineers work out the properties the materials need to have useful, large-scale applications.

This is a critical problem with the new materials, which are very friable, and have a tendency to lose all their superconductivity when exposed to high magnetic fields, or more than a certain amount of electric current. The reason large-scale applications for ceramic superconductors are likely to be later in coming than those for electronics is that the critical currents needing to be met are about 100 times higher. The strains created inside an electromagnet could also be enough to crush one made from relatively weak ceramic.

A study carried out for the Department of Trade and Industry estimated that such demands mean that power-generating products are likely to be at least a decade away, whereas electronic components could be available four or five years from now.

Dr Poeppel says that production versions of a superconducting motor would aim to make more of the abilities of the ceramics than just the Meissner effect. For example, using superconducting wire in the motor would enable much higher magnetic fields to be generated for a given amount of electric current, giving greater motive power.

The Argonne motor may be the first moving demonstration of the power of the new materials, but it is certainly not the world's first superconducting motor. The accolade for that development belongs to scientists at Britain's NEI International Research and Development company in Newcastle, who built such a motor using conventional metal superconductors, which demand expensive liquid helium, in 1966.

By 1971 they had developed a 3,250 horse-power motor which triggered off development programmes in the US, the USSR and Japan. However, it failed to prove its economic worth.

Some British scientists dismiss the Argonne work as little more than a publicity stunt that anyone could do, if they had the inclination. But if nothing else, the apparent simplicity of the Meissner motor serves to show just how much superconductivity technology has been transformed by the discovery of the ceramics.

Right face to show world

By Darrel Ince

One of the most persistent and enduring myths in software development is that if you deliver a system that meets all the functions required by a user, then you have succeeded.

However, what is often forgotten on software projects, is that software functions are just one component of a system, albeit an important one, but that an equally important part of a software product is the face it presents to the world — the "interface" between humans and computers.

In information technology there is a long and sorry history of products failing because their face is unfriendly, inconsistent and ambiguous.

A number of national research and development programmes such as Esprit and Alvey have highlighted the importance of good interface design. This is now being recognized by software developers and, consequently, is beginning to give rise to job opportunities for staff with a wide variety of skills.

In the past we have tended to regard the human-computer interface as a small part of an overall system. The primitive nature of the input/output devices that were used in the Sixties and Seventies left little scope for flexibility.

Importance of Interface design

Almost invariably, a few simple commands typed in at a terminal were the only facilities available to the system user. The increased availability of advanced interfaces involving icons, mouses and pull-down menus, together with future devices such as CD ROM and video, has placed, and will place, much more of a burden on designers, to the point where it becomes a specialized task within the software project.

There is now a major demand for staff who have the skills necessary to design complicated interfaces.

The tasks that such staff carry out are critical as they are often the first to see the customer. Consequently, they require many of the skills traditionally associated with systems analysis.

Typically, such staff require a grounding in a wide variety of disciplines; they must be cognitive psychologists, ergonomists, graphic designers, social investigators and software engineers, with the first four being the important skills, as an increasing number of products are becoming available which enable advanced designs to be prototyped relatively easily, without a large amount of software knowledge.

Interface design offers a chance for graduates who would not normally think of working on software projects, to play a major part in the development of complex software.

Because the technical software skills required from such staff are of a quite low level it offers job opportunities for graduates from any discipline.

Government casts a cold eye on research

By Robert Matthews and Pearce Wright

Last week's White Paper on the future direction of the Department of Trade and Industry's policies is neatly summed up in the declaration it makes that "in future, the DTI will only contribute funds to research which would not and could not go ahead without some support from the taxpayer".

Altogether, the DTI's budget for innovation has been increased by about 10 per cent to £210 million. However, that masks the disappearance of a raft of R&D schemes formerly enjoying the backing of the Government.

In addition, the DTI has made clear that there are no plans to exploit IT technology developed by the joint university-industry teams set up during the highly-successful Alvey programme.

In 1986, a report to the Government by Sir Austin Bide recommended that the Government should spend £450 million on such a follow-up programme over five years.

A new national IT initiative is to get just £29 million from the DTI over the next three years, with £55 million over five years coming from the Science and Engineering Research Council.

However, the White Paper says that combined with £200 million being spent on the European IT programme, Esprit II, the total package constitutes "very substantial support for collaborative research in IT."

The IT initiative will be funded out of the money saved by the axing of support for individual companies with R&D projects close to commercial exploitation.

A similar initiative for research into superconductivity is to get £8 million over the next three years.

> 'It is sensible to call for better tech transfer'

Also gone in the shake-up are the Microelectronics Industry Support Programme, the Support for Software Products and the Fibreoptics and Optoelectronics schemes.

Reaction to the White Paper has been mixed, with some welcoming the strong emphasis that the DTI is to put on encouraging collaboration both within and beyond the UK.

Alan Carnell, commercial director of Racal-Decca, said: "It is a sensible philosophy to call for more and better technology transfer, more effective use of academic and industrial resources through collaborative R&D, and innovation by smaller firms."

But he said it needed more than exhortation and the White Paper begged the question of how this was to be achieved.

The Electronic Engineering Association was disappointed by the continued freeze on Government spending on space technology. But it welcomed the decision to confirm the UK's contribution to Esprit II.

British electronics firms will be competing for over 18 per cent of the Esprit contracts by the time the invitations to tender close next month.

Academic institutions involved in the Alvey programme recognize that the absence of Alvey II means that they will have to seek wider collaboration with industry, and aim at substantial involvement in Esprit II.

A spokesman for Imperial College, which had more Alvey projects than any other, said "we're disappointed, but we are not going to just sit down and moan."

City pay rates up, slowdown likely

SALARIES

By Matthew May

Computer specialists in the City of London saw their salaries increase at a faster rate than their counterparts in other areas last year.

A survey from Computer Economics and Peat Marwick McLintock predicts that high-tech staff may see their rapid rise in earnings slow "as the telephone number bonus payments are cut back following the Stock Exchange crash."

But, it says, technical specialists who have good reputations and are also knowledgable about their company's business will still command a premium. Skills in project leadership are also still greatly in demand to make sure that City computer systems are well-developed and consolidated.

City pay for specialists tends to be 20 per cent to 33 per cent above the national average and has been rising at more than 16 per cent a year compared with 12 per cent for staff in similar positions in the rest of the country.

Data-processing managers are doing best with average City salaries of more than £43,000 — a third higher than the average of nearer £32,000.

City computer staff are often on average a year or two younger than their counterparts elsewhere. The report cites accelerated promotion prospects as a contributory factor.

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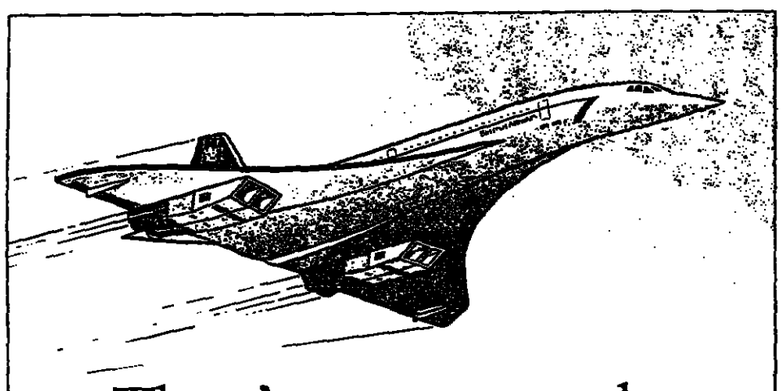
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Clive Wootton, Managing Director
Digitus Ltd, 16-17 Clerkenwell Close, London EC1R 0AA

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HORIZONS

A guide to career choice

Please talk to the temp, she may be a stranger

Liz Kellaway, fresh from Australia on a short visit, recalls the pitfalls and traumas of working as a temporary typist in a busy London office

It was bitterly cold; a fine white sleet was being driven against our windows by a fierce southerly gale, and the weatherman was cheerfully predicting worse to come.

Although it was only late autumn in Adelaide, South Australia's capital, we were already experiencing record-breaking cold, freak snowfalls and fierce storms.

David, my husband, and I had talked for some time about escaping the nine to five routine, to travel and work overseas. But the weather was creating more depressions than those on the isobar chart.

It was only eight weeks between the day we decided to buy our tickets to Britain and the day we boarded the plane. In between came a frantic round of farewell parties and lunches and the inevitable hassles of moving furniture, relocating pets, finding a tenant, arranging travel documents and tying up loose ends at the office.

The decision to go away so soon created a few more problems for David, who was in the final stages of studying for his Bachelor of Education. However, his lecturers agreed to let him finish his studies externally, by sending his assignments to him overseas.

We arrived in London at about 7 o'clock on a wet July morning, but at least the weather was better than it had been at home.

For the next few months we travelled; a couple of weeks in the South-west, a couple more to drive north as far as the dramatic Glencoe Pass, and then a month or more in France and Italy.

At the end of September we returned to London, and a friend who was about to leave for a two month holiday in Australia lent us her flat, a base which gave us the ideal opportunity to find temporary jobs and raise much-needed extra funds, following the sudden drop in the exchange rate for the Australian dollar.

But money was not our sole reason for seeking employment. We wanted to leave Britain with more than a tourist's impression of a great history, pomp and pageantry.

Travelling cheaply, staying in youth hostels and visiting tourist attractions, it is easy to meet no one but other travellers. There is nothing wrong with that — the variety of people you come across is half the fun, and by talking with them you learn about their countries.

But once you become settled into that routine, you are in danger of never really getting to know the country you are staying in. David and I felt very strongly that the only way of beginning to do that was by becoming involved in the day to day life as much as possible.

If you are lucky enough to know a family and can stay with them, that helps enormously. Working is another way.

I am a journalist, and that is the only job I have ever done, so I wanted to try something totally different, whether it was employment as a nanny, a typist, or even a cleaner. I really had no idea of how employable I was.

Selecting the names of half a dozen secretarial and nanny agencies, I made a series of telephone calls. The agencies handling nanny and companion appointments were polite, but they already had more people than they needed and I did not have the required experience.

The secretarial agencies seemed interested in my skills, and had work available immediately should I prove suitable. Having no idea if one agency was better than another, I chose a better known company with a branch in Victoria Street. It was the beginning of a valuable learning experience.

The interview began with a seemingly endless string of questions. Could I type, and if so at what speed? Could I operate a VDU or word processor and which packages could I use?

Because I could not name any specific word processor packages or VDU systems, I would have to settle for being a copy/audio typist, as long as I could type at least 50 words a minute.

Despite what other working travellers had told me, most agencies do not just settle for someone who recognized a typewriter when they saw one and could type with one finger.

On passing the tests, I found I could now earn more than an experienced metropolitan journalist in Australia.

My first day on the job was undoubtedly the worst of my life. The agency sent me to a surveyor's office, which was part of a major development project in the East End. Its typewriter was a large black monster which constantly jammed and beeped at me.

When I finally thought I was getting somewhere, the correcting ribbon ran out. My fumbling attempts to change it, without instructions, were made worse by the pitying stares I was by this time evoking from the two surveyors in the room. Six attempts and two hours later I finished my first letter.

There were no spelling mistakes or typographical errors, but I had got my boss's name wrong, and the layout was incorrect.

I swore that I would never underestimate a secretary's skills again. But I eventually cracked the machine, and the letter styles, and even the office filing system.

Another problem I found more difficult to overcome. The men I worked for were nice enough, but there was a definite gulf between us; I was a woman working in a subservient, female domain. They hardly ever spoke to me, and I was not expected to take part in general conversations. One day I walked into the office and said "Good morning" and none of them replied.

Perhaps I was over-sensitive after coming from a work environment where women and men were treated on an equal basis and staff of different ranks mingled easily both socially and professionally.

When I later met other secretaries and temporary staff, I learned that my problem was not an unusual one.

My husband also was working as a secretary, which raised more than a few eyebrows among senior male management who could not understand why he would choose to work in what they clearly saw as a lesser job.

But the female secretaries got a real buzz out of him being there and readily accepted him into their circle. He quickly learned that they were a closely knit group who gave each other strong personal support so they could cope with these attitudes.

In all fairness to my later employers, I did not come across these difficulties again, at least not in the same degree. I worked in a range of businesses as a copy/audio typist and word processor operator, and most of my superiors were friendly and helpful.

But apart from reminding me that some women are a long way from receiving recognition in the workplace, my time as a temp also taught me a great deal about Londoners and their incredible capacity to cope with life's difficulties, whether it be rush hour on the tube, or impossibly crowded shopping conditions in Oxford Street on a Saturday afternoon.

Their perseverance was dramatically illustrated on two unforgettable occasions in our brief stay — the devastating storm of October 16 and the tragic King's Cross fire. It gave us a glimpse of a strength of spirit which must have been London's salvation during the blitz of the Second World War.

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in the alternative on a 3 year contract at a salary of £26,070 - £28,677 p.a. and otherwise in accordance with the terms and conditions of the JNC for Chief Officers

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The present postholder retires on the 10th June, 1988. His successor will be expected to commence duties not later than the 1st June, 1988.

Applications are invited from fully qualified members of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy or equivalent for this post.

Application forms and further particulars may be obtained upon request by writing to the address below or by telephoning the Chief Personnel Officer on South Benfleet (0268) 792711 extension 115.

Completed application forms should be returned to the undersigned by 1st February, 1988.

A.R. NEIGHBOUR
Chief Executive and Clerk of the Council

Castle Point District Council
Council Offices,
Kiln Road,
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Essex,
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Applicants should have a recognised accountancy qualification and relevant experience, including good experience of computerised accounting systems. Knowledge of Government financial procedures would be an advantage.

Salary will be on the scale £16,495-£21,757 and other benefits include a non-contributory inflation-proofed pension scheme and twenty-five days annual leave.

INTERESTED? Then please apply, with CV, to Anna Orr, NCVQ, 222 Euston Road, London NW1 2BZ (01 387 9898), who will send you a detailed job description.

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For informal discussion contact Mrs. J.M. Aikmen, Assistant General Manager (Finance) on Burnley 0282 25071 Ext 2200.

For job description and application form, please contact the District Personnel Officer, Burnley General Hospital, Casterton Avenue, BURNLEY BB10 2PO, Lancashire. Telephone 0282 25071 Ext. 2019.

Closing Date 31st January, 1988.

THE MEDICAL COLLEGE OF ST BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL (UNIVERSITY OF LONDON) WEST SMITHFIELD, LONDON, EC1A 7BE

Assistant Finance Officer (Research)

Administrative Grade 3 — £17,738 - £20,738 (incl. London Allowance)

Applications are invited for this new post, which has been created to assist the Finance Officer in the further development of the Research activities of the College, from individuals who are professionally qualified (eg. CIS). Applicants should have a particular interest in Commercial Law and possibly have practical experience of academic research work.

Further details may be obtained from the Personnel Officer, at the above address (or telephone 01-606 7404), to whom written application in the form of a full CV with the names and addresses of two referees should be made by 5th February 1988.

PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS

DIRECTOR

MACINTYRE WESTONING

Macintyre is a progressive charity doing dynamic work with mentally handicapped people of all ages who have additional disabilities.

Westoning is the original Macintyre home. It comprises eight residences and various day care facilities for the education, training, special needs, horticulture and therapy of the 83 residents. It has a 45 acre farm. Changes will occur at Westoning during 1988 when Macintyre's new community project opens in Milton Keynes.

In May the present director will move to establish Macintyre's services for handicapped people in northwest England. We seek an energetic replacement to direct the work at Westoning during an exciting period of change and development well into the 1990's.

The person appointed will play an important part in the senior management of Macintyre; we seek a vitally creative person who is a good communicator, administrator and decision maker.

The annual salary depends on age and experience but is not less than £20K. A car is provided and temporary accommodation may be available.

For further information and application details please contact Liz Horseman, General Manager, Macintyre, 2 Ridgeway Court, Grovebury Road, Leighton Buzzard, Beds. LU7 8SW (Tel: 0525 370102).

Closing date for applications is Friday 5th February, 1988.

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To £32,000

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Applicants should therefore be professionally qualified, have substantial managerial experience preferably in local government and a record of achievement in influencing matters over which they have no direct authority.

A relocation package of up to £6,000 is available.

For an informal discussion please contact either:-
Mr A G Redmond (Chief Executive & Director of Finance) on Ext. 2183.
or Mrs D McGrath (Chief Personnel Officer) on Ext. 2024.

For an application form (returnable by 2nd February, 1988) and further details please ring 01-863 5611 (Extension 2024) or write to the Chief Personnel Officer, PO Box 57, Civic Centre, Station Road, Harrow HA1 2XP.

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Chief Recreation and Amenities Officer

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The Council have determined that the recreation and amenities function, which at present rests as a division of the Chief Technical Officer's Department, should be headed by its own "Chief Officer" as a separate department.

For this new post, applications are invited from qualified persons, who must be able to demonstrate considerable experience in the management and development of recreation and amenities facilities, in accordance with Council policy.

Application forms and further particulars may be obtained upon request by writing to the address below or by telephoning the Chief Personnel Officer on South Benfleet (0268) 792711 extension 115.

Completed application forms should be returned to the undersigned by 1st February, 1988.

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THE SOCIETY OF CHIROPODISTS

INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS OFFICER

The Society of Chiropodists which is a professional organisation and an independent, listed Trade Union, with a membership of over 5,000, approximately half of whom are employed in the National Health Service, wishes to appoint an Industrial Relations Officer, who will be responsible to the General Secretary for the conduct of the Society's affairs as a Trade Union at both national and local levels. This will include the preparation of evidence for the Pay Review Body as well as the representation of members who are involved in local Grievance or Disciplinary Procedures. Experience of NHS employment and Whitley Council Conditions of Service and knowledge of employment law would be an advantage.

Salary Scale £13,689 - £17,275 plus London Weighting (currently £1,201 per annum).

For further details, including a Job Description and Application form, which should be submitted by 31.1.88, write to the Secretary, The Society of Chiropodists, 53 Welbeck Street, London, W1M 7HE.

WEST DORSET District Council

Applications are invited for the following post:

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Salary up to £34,000

West Dorset are looking for a successor to their present Chief Executive who is leaving to take up a similar post within another Local Authority.

They are seeking an energetic officer with a proven record in management to advise the Council on the major challenges now facing local government and feel they can offer an exceptional career opportunity.

The Council are currently engaged on a series of major initiatives, including Town Centre redevelopment in the County Town of Dorchester, a rationalisation of their Headquarter and Area Offices and a further extension to its leisure services.

Further information relating to the post and the District is available from the Chief Personnel Officer, Tel: Dorchester (0305) 251010 Ext 220. The Council offers generous removal and relocation expenses, including a mortgage subsidy scheme.

Applications (NO FORMS) together with the names and addresses of two referees to the Chief Personnel Officer, West Dorset District Council, 58/60 High West Street, Dorchester, DT1 1UZ to arrive not later than first post on 1 February 1988.

DEPARTMENT OF PROPERTY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

(Economic Development)

Salary £20,892 — £22,541 p.a. + lump sum car allowance

As a result of a major re-organisation of the Council's management structure and departmental responsibilities, a new department has been created to spearhead the City Council's policies and exciting new initiatives in the areas of Property, Economic Development and Tourism.

The new department has a vacancy for an Assistant Director (Economic Development) to join the Director as a member of the departmental management team.

Applicants for this challenging position must be appropriately qualified and experienced with a proven track record in management at a senior level. They must possess exceptional leadership qualities and be able to apply the full range of management skills towards the achievement of objectives.

The person appointed will be required to assist the Director in identifying the objectives of the department and in developing and implementing a corporate management approach to achieve those objectives. A high level of personal motivation and commitment to the development and effective planning of the work of the division will also be expected.

Application forms and further details available from the Personnel Manager, City Secretary's Department, The Guildhall, Nottingham NG1 4BT. Tel. (0602) 483501 ext. 4624. Closing date for applications: 10th February 1988. Please quote ref. PEDT/2 on all correspondence and enquiries.

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ASSISTANT SECRETARY

£11,000 - £13,000

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The Council is now looking for an Assistant Secretary who will act as Deputy to the Secretary. The main areas of responsibility will be:-

1) to take charge of the administration of the office;
2) to act as education officer and ensure that the Council's examinations run smoothly.

In addition the Assistant Secretary will be asked to take minutes at meetings of the Council and its subcommittees. The Assistant Secretary will also be asked to help the Secretary prepare the papers for meetings.

The Council is still at an early stage and the nature of the duties of the Assistant Secretary may will change as the office expands.

For further details and an application form please apply to Ann Martin, room 419. Telephone 210 4604. The closing date for receipt of completed applications is 22nd January.

GENERAL MANAGER (ADMINISTRATION)

to £19,000 p.a.

As the first step in a major re-organisation the Force wishes to appoint a senior manager who will operate at policy-making level as part of the Chief Constable's advisory group carrying specific responsibilities for all civilian employees. Initial responsibilities will include review and modernisation of force systems of controlling administration and finance.

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For more details and an information pack contact the Force Personnel Office at Police Headquarters, Leek Wootton, (telephone 0926-411111, ext. 305).

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It is envisaged that the successful applicant will initially sign a contract of employment for three years in terms of which he will enjoy a remuneration package carrying a salary commensurate with the post and responsibilities, furnished housing, appropriate education subsidies, free air passages, company car, together with terminal gratuity in accordance with existing tax laws in Malawi. Malawi exchange control regulations currently permit the remittance of up to two-thirds of net earnings.

Malawi is renowned for the friendliness of its people and there are opportunities for sporting activities such as swimming, fishing and mountaineering.

Applicants should forward their C.V. which should give details of career to date, earnings and fringe benefits of their current post to:

The Chairman
Ethanol Company Limited
Private Bag 33
Blantyre
Malawi

The closing date of applications will be February 19, 1988.

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You should be educated to at least 'A' level standard and have had a minimum of three years experience servicing committees. (Typing and shorthand are not essential).

Starting salary is circa £12,000 pa, with benefits to include contributory pension scheme, BUPA and subsidised canteen.

Please write with full career details to Mrs A Jones, SMMT, Forbes House, Halkin Street, London SW1X 7DS.

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Requires

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Salary from 1/2/88 £9,873-13,173

Full details application forms from:
Walsall Council for Community Relations, 4-5 Lower Hall Lane, Walsall, West Midlands WS1 1RH
Telephone 0922 38998.
Completed forms to be returned to: Mr S H Shalla, Chairman (marked personal), 23 Princes Avenue, Walsall WS1 2PH
Closing date January 22, 1988.

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Applications are invited for a post as
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(one of two)

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* possess subspecially training in Cardiology.
* possess minimum three years post qualification experience.

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* possess subspecially training in Gastroenterologist.
* possess minimum three years post qualification experience.

Paediatrician
* be MRCP or equivalent European, North American or Australasian qualification.
* possess minimum one years experience in neonatal patient care.
* possess minimum three years post qualification experience.

Otorhinolaryngologist
* be FRCS or equivalent European, North American or Australasian qualification.
* possess minimum three years post qualification experience.

Obstetrician/Gynaecologist
* be MRCOG or equivalent European, North American or Australasian qualification.
* possess minimum three years post qualification experience.

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* possess 3 years post qualification experience.

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* posses 5 years post qualification experience.

Senior Anaesthesiologist
* be FFARCS or equivalent European, North American or Australasian qualification.
* possess 5 years post qualifications experience.

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* be MCRP or equivalent European, North American or Australasian qualification.
* possess 5 years post qualification experience.

Chief of Pathology
* be MRCPath or equivalent European, North American or Australasian.
* possess 5 years post qualification experience.

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Applicants should ideally:
★ be Chartered Members of the Library Association
★ have substantial experience of an commitment to continuing education
★ have good management skills.

The starting salary is likely to be in the range £12,931-£14,661, including London Weighting. An attractive pension scheme is available.

Further details and application forms are available from the Administrative Officer, The Library Association, 7 Ridgemount Street, London WC1E 7AE, Tel: 01-636 7543 ext. 252.

Prospective candidates may contact Ross Shimmon at the above address or on 01-636 7543 ext 266 for an informal discussion.

Closing date: 5th February 1988

NORLAND NURSERY TRAINING COLLEGE
has a vacancy for a
DEPUTY MATRON (M/F)
Salary: £7,500-£9,000pa

Main duties include caring for children aged 0-7 years staying in our Residential Nurseries for short periods, and teaching practical childcare to student nursery nurses. Experience and training in childcare essential.

Job description and further information available from: The Principal's Secretary, on Hungerford 82252.

Completed applications should be returned to: The College Principal, Norland Nursery Training College, Denford Park, Hungerford, by February 12, 1988.

DORSET SCHOOL OF MIDWIFERY

SENIOR MIDWIFE TUTOR
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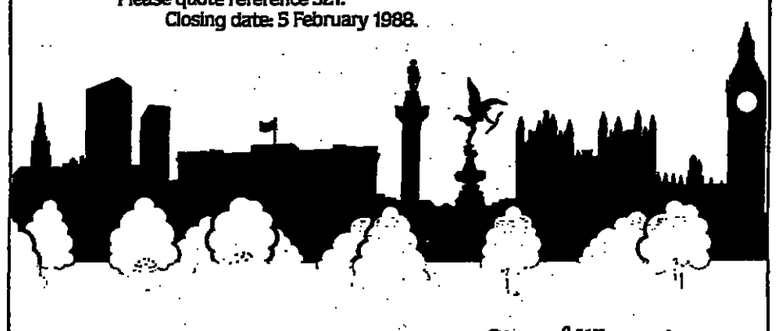
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Ban on ex-agent's material an undue interference with public discussion

Lord Advocate v Scotsman Publications and Another

Before Lord Coulsfield

[Judgment January 12]

A prohibition on the publication of any material or information obtained by or given to Anthony Cavendish as a result of his employment in the British security or intelligence services constituted an undue interference with discussion of matters of public interest and should be recalled.

Lord Coulsfield so held in the Outer House of the Court of Session in recalling an interim interdict he had issued on January 6 on the petition of the Lord Advocate against the respondents, the proprietors and editor of *The Scotsman* newspaper.

A motion by Scottish Television Ltd ("STV") on whose behalf a caveat had been lodged, and George Outram and Co Ltd, publishers of *The Glasgow Herald* newspaper, for recall of the interim interdict so far as it affected them was resused.

The interim interdict was in the following terms: "To interdict the respondents or either of them or their agents, servants or anyone acting on their behalf or any person having notice of said interlocutor from disclosing or publishing or causing or permitting to be disclosed or published to any person all or any material or information obtained by Anthony Cavendish in the course of his employment with the British Security or Intelligence Services or obtained by other officers of those Services in the course of their employment with them and given by such officers to Anthony Cavendish . . ."

Mr Alistair Cameron, QC and Mr Neil Davidson for the petitioner; Mr William Nimmo Smith, QC and Mr James Peoples for the respondents; Lord Morton of Shuna, QC, for STV, Mr Brian Douglas for George Outram & Co.

LORD COULSFIELD said that the petitioner had argued that Mr Cavendish, and the other officers who supplied information to him, owed a lifelong duty of confidentiality to the Crown even if the material in question had been otherwise published; that disclosure of the material by them amounted to a breach of that duty; that disclosure by them of such material would be prejudicial to the interests of the Crown and the public and might result in a lose of confidence by foreign governments in the British Government; that it was necessary in the public interest to maintain the principle that a public servant was under such an obligation of lifelong confidence preventing him from disclosing information obtained by him in the course of his employment and that the public interest would suffer if such a breach were permitted.

It was also stated by the petitioner that it was neither proper nor practicable to distinguish among the information so received and that consequently all such information, however trivial, must be kept from publication.

Equally, since the advantage of confidentiality would be irretrievably lost by any publication, any further publication of the material referred to in the interdict should be restrained at least *ad interim*.

The petitioner accepted that the material in Mr Cavendish's book would not endanger national security. The petition did not specify what the confidential material in Mr Cavendish's book was or how such material might harm the public interest.

In relation to the first of the petitioner's arguments it was not contended that Mr Cavendish had signed any agreement or undertaking to keep the information confidential.

The basis on which the interdict was sought was the setting up, from the ordinary incidents of master and servant, of an implied term prohibiting an ex-employee of the Security Services from publishing any material however trivial, innocuous or notorious that material might be. No exception existed to such a term on the ground of competing public interest.

Due to the circumstances in which the interdict was sought there had been little discussion of authority. The only authority cited, but not explored, *Attorney General v The Observer and Others* (*The Times* December 22, 1987) supported his Lordship's view of the difficulty of deriving the rule of confidentiality postulated by the petitioner from any previous authority and the necessity for a full citation of authority.

There was considerable doubt as to whether a principle that had developed to protect the commercial interests of employers in business matters could be applied in any straightforward way in order to restrict the dissemination of information about the past activities of branches of government service when no question of national security was involved.

The respondents had argued that the application had no justification in law; that any material got by Mr Cavendish during his service related to a period prior to 1953 and, consequently, it was hard to conceive how it could harm anyone; that the material of interest to the respondents related to events between 1964 and 1979 and that such material had already been the subject of widely publicised disclosure; that some such material disclosed had been based on information provided by officers of the security services and had been published without objection by the Crown; that the events of 1964 to 1979 were matters of public concern, and that strong public interest existed in the discussion of them and ascertainment of the truth about them; and that prohibition on the publication of such material would be a serious infringement of the freedom of the press to investigate and report on matters of public importance.

The respondents also argued that the petition had failed to provide the court with substantial information showing what matters in Mr Cavendish's book might harm the public interest or in what way.

His Lordship stated that on the basis of the inevitably limited argument that he had heard he was unable to conclude that the application had no possible basis in law. Consequently, the matter became one of the balance of convenience.

The considerations to be balanced were the importance of free discussion of information relating to matters of public importance, already public knowledge, on the one hand, and the view of the public interest put forward by the petitioner on the other.

He concluded that in view of the interim stage of the proceedings, and the possibility of irretrievable harm, he could not disregard the position put forward by the Lord Advocate. Accordingly, he granted interim interdict.

However, the terms of the interdict were modified to reflect the fact that the rule of confidentiality contended for could only apply, in the absence of an express agreement between the employer and the employee, to anything learned in the course of his employment.

In the motion for recall of the interdict the question which became prominent was the effect of the order on persons other than the respondents. Counsel for STV and Outrams argued that interim interdict should not have been pronounced against their clients without prior notice to them in view of the caveats lodged; that it was incompetent to pronounce an interdict in terms which would affect persons other than those called as respondents; that no interdict could affect them unless it was formally served on them; and that if the interdict was competent it amounted to an undue restraint on matters of public interest.

Considering the second argument, his Lordship referred to the case of *Lord Advocate v Campbell* in which he had granted a similar interdict. He observed that there were very substantial grounds for doubting the competency of such an interdict and noted the conflict with the principle requiring an interdict to spell out the persons affected and the activities prohibited, and with the allowance of an opportunity to resist the granting of the order.

It was not clear what would constitute notice if this interdict and, therefore, what circumstances would cause a person to fall under the prohibition, a person must know that the information in question had been obtained in breach of confidence, and what circumstances would constitute such knowledge.

The petitioner referred to *Attorney General v Newspaper Publishing plc* ([1987] 3 WLR 942). His Lordship considered that in granting an injunction in the form presently in issue ("To interdict . . . any person having notice of said interlocutor"), the Court of Appeal had proceeded on a view of what was necessary for the due and proper administration of justice rather than any rule special to the English system of law.

His Lordship could not exclude the possibility, notwithstanding the differences in English and Scottish law on the subject, that the Scottish court could hold, after full citation of authority, that such an order would be competent in Scotland.

The difficulties caused where there was a caveat were not insuperable. Any defect in the vitality or force of the interdict must be cured once the parties had been heard upon it.

Equally, the question of formal service did not affect the question as to whether the interdict should be recalled in the present circumstances. Consequently, the question of recall of the interdict was one of the balance of convenience. In view of the position adopted by the petitioner, the motion for recall should be refused.

Finally, while considering that the course adopted in granting this interim interdict was correct at that time, on further reflection his Lordship found it increasingly difficult to see the necessity or value of the interim interdict in the present case.

Consequently he now regarded the question as to the continuance in force of the order to be open. He favoured the argument that it constituted an undue interference with discussion of matters of public interest and should be recalled.

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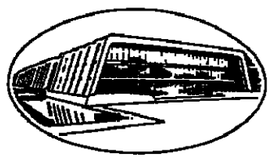
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Faldo finishes third courtesy of the weather

From John Ballantine, La Costa, California

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But before getting down to what did, or did not, go wrong with the swing, a word on the extraordinary happenings of Sunday, which mirrored the Pebble Beach National Pro Am of two years ago. In each tournament the last round was abandoned through awful conditions, and in each case a Briton, Faldo here, and Ken Brown at Pebble, benefited after playing poorly on an eventually-abandoned final day.

Faldo lay third with Dave Barr, of Canada, when play began here three hours late on Sunday after thunderstorms had flooded the course. He was full of confidence and as he practised on the putting green suitably dressed in blue waterproof gabardines and a cloth cap, I reminded him that one of his *earliest successes in America* had been at Greensboro on just such a day.

"*Let's try to do it again,*" he smiled. Events turned out otherwise. He positioned his drive badly on the first fairway and just failed to carry a green side-bunker to a tightly positioned flag. Trying to finesse the first explosion stroke close, he left *the ball in the wet sand.* His second effort landed five feet past the hole but he missed the putt, to take a six to the birdie three of his partner Barr.

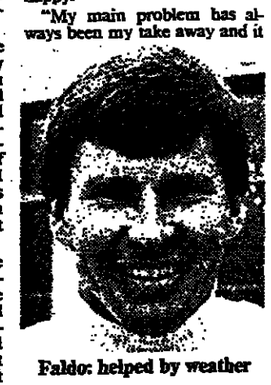
Another stroke disappeared in a *bunker behind the green at the* 187-yard third and he sank rapidly off the leader boards.

Quirkily, the weather worsened, hailstones whitening the greens. One hour later, frustrated and overworked officials, on hearing that the forecast was equally bad, abandoned the *round. There would be, it was* announced, a full pay-out of prize-money for positions as they stood at the end of the third round on Saturday.

This meant that Faldo, who *would have needed something* like his astonishing run of seven birdies in a best-of-the-week 65 *on Friday to get back into the* race (he was seven off the lead and several, like Barr, had sailed past him), rather luckily shared joint third place with the Canadian; Tate was the winner and Larry Nelson the runner-up.

Brown again did quite well out of the abandonment, having toiled through the worst of the weather to an 81, while Sandy Lyle had had three birdies and two over-par holes when the last siren sounded, and was not so happy.

"My main problem has always been my take away and it



Faldo: helped by weather

still is." Faldo said. "My driving is OK but my short game is a bit rusty." Lyle and Brown have moved on to Palm Springs for the five-day Bob Hope tournament, starting tomorrow, while Faldo left straight away for Australia.

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ICE HOCKEY

Cardiff's walk-off faces stiff censure

By Norman de Mesquita

The image of the sport in Britain was dealt a severe blow when **Cardiff Devils** left the ice with five minutes of the second period *remaining, claiming that* a stick foul by Salmon on Hope had gone unpunished. Their *coach also claimed that the* referee, Harber, was not affording his players adequate protection.

Whatever their grievances, and video evidence seems to show that Salmon was innocent, there can be no excuse for quitting and the British Ice Hockey Association must surely come down heavily on the *Cardiff club.*

Two **Dundee Tigers** imports, Homola and Bergloff, also let down their team colleagues at Streatham, delivering a stream of verbal abuse at the referee, Taylor, *to earn gross miscon*duct penalties. Tigers trailing 7-2 and, sorely depleted in the final period, were no match for the rapidly improving **Redskins**, who went on to take over eighth place from the Tigers.

At the top of the table, **Whitley Warriors** took their winning run to eight with successes over **Nottingham Panthers** and **Solihull Barons**, while **Murrayfield Racers** moved into second place with narrow successes over **Fife Flyers** and **Peterborough Pirates**. Tony *Hand transformed Racers with* the winning goal at Fife with only 16 seconds left and two goals in a minute broke a 5-5 deadlock with Pirates.

Slough Jets continue to dominate the southern section of the first division and the win over **Lee Valley Lions** was their tenth in a row. Hogan contributed five goals and two assists for Slough and then found himself in an unfamiliar role when a linesmen failed to show at Streatham. *Hogan filled in and acquitted* himself well.

HEINEKEN LEAGUE: Premier division: Murrayfield Racers 6, Fife Flyers 5; Nottingham Panthers 6, Whitley Warriors 13; Peterborough Pirates 5, Dundee Tigers 4; Solihull Barons 13, Streatham Redskins 4; Ayr Bruins 7, Durham Wasps 8; Peterborough 5, Murrayfield 7; Streatham 13, Dundee 3; Whitley 10, Solihull 6. First division: Blackpool Seagulls 3, Kirkcaldy Kestrels 9; Cleveland Bombers 16, Sunderland Chiefs 4; Deeside Dragons 14, Aviemore Blackhawks 2; Slough Jets 10, Lee Valley Lions 5; Telford Tigers 9, Cardiff Devils 3 (abandoned after 35 minutes); Cardiff 9, Lee Valley 5; Deeside 4, Kirkcaldy 5; Glasgow Eagles 2, Cleveland 5; Richmond Flyers 8, Medway Bears 10; Southampton Vikings 12, Swindon Wildcats 11; Trafford *Metros 22, Aviemore 5.*

CYCLING

Credit to the children

Mike Bradbury can thank his two teenage children, Faye and Garth, for his victory in the British veterans cyclo-cross championship at Southampton on Sunday. It was they who, four years ago, persuaded him to buy them bikes. He bought one too and then started to race for the first time (*Peter Bryan* writes).

But Bradbury, aged 40, an *agricultural fencer from* Little Dewchurch, Herefordshire, did not take the title without incident, taking a heavy tumble on the tarmac stretch which followed a fierce and slippery descent.

Bradbury takes the title from *Mick Ives, aged 48, winner for* the past three years.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

Littlewoods Cup
Fifth round
Luton v Bradford (7.45)

Simod Cup
Third round
Coventry v Wimbledon
Leicester v Stoke (7.45)
Millwall v Norwich
Swindon v Chelsea

Freight Rover Trophy
First round
Northern section
Burnley v Chester
Bury v Bolton
Carlisle v Hartlepool
Halifax v Chesterfield
Mansfield v Scunthorpe
Preston v Rochdale
Sunderland v Crewe

Southern section
Aldershot v Bristol C
Colchester v Leyton Orient
Newport v Hereford
Torquay v P Vale
Walsall v Peterborough
Wolverhampton v Brentford

Fine Fare Scottish League
First division
Clyde v Meadowbank

Second division
Berwick v E Stirling

GM Vauxhall Conference
Fisher v Kettering

CENTRAL LEAGUE (7.0): First division: Blackpool v Bradford; Leeds v Derby; Liverpool v Hull. Second division: Oldham v West Bromwich. Postponed: Wigan v Notts County.

SUNDAY MIRROR COMBINATION (2.0): Charlton v Luton; Portsmouth v Queen's Park Rangers (7.0); Swindon v Crystal Palace.

MACBAR SOUTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Newport v Cardiff.

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Bromley v Woldingham; Dulwich v Carshalton; Kingstonian v Yeovil; St Albans v Farnborough; Slough v Basingstoke; Windsor and Eton v Hitchin. Second division north: Clapton v Witham; Hertford v Barton. Second division south: Eastbourne United v Dorking; Epsom and Ewell v Yeading. AC Delco Cup: Third round: Barking v Wembley.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: President's Cup: First round, second leg (*First leg score in brackets*): Bangor City (0) v Chorley (2).

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Alvechurch v Corby; Aylesbury v Dorchester; Dartford v Crawley; Witney v Gosport. Midland division: Bridgnorth v Merthyr Tydfil. Southern division: Gravesend and Northfleet v Ruislip.

HERTFORDSHIRE SENIOR CUP: Second round: Bishop's Stortford v Stevenage.

SURREY SENIOR CUP: First round: Camberley v Sutton United.

SUSSEX SENIOR CUP: Third round: Worthing v Selsey.

FA YOUTH CUP: Watford v Chelsea.

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Cambridge *University v Her Majesty's Prison Service* (at Grange Road, 2.15).

BASKETBALL

EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS' CUP: Quarter-final pool: Kingston v Leverkusen (WG) (8.0).

KORAC CUP: *Quarter-final pool:* Manchester United v Racing Club Paris (8.0).

CARLSBERG LEAGUE CUP: First round: Bolton and Bury v Calderdale (8.0).

OTHER SPORT

BILLIARDS: UK championships (at Middlesbrough).

BOXING: Lloyd Christie v Joey Ferrell (at Birmingham).

SQUASH RACKETS: Blue Stratos under-23 open (at Lambs Club, London.

SPORT ON TV

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: *Super Bowl* play-offs: Second semi-final. C4: 10 p.m.

BOWLS: Cockney Classic from the Desborough club, Maidenhead. ITV: 11.35 p.m.

GOLF: Off the course: Interview with Sandy Lyle. BBC2: 2.40 p.m.

RACING: MURRAY-SMITH TEAM CAN COLLECT DOUBLE AT WORCESTER

Improving Aquilifer to sparkle again in testing conditions

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Lambourn trainer David Murray-Smith and jockey Paul Croucher look the pair to follow today at Worcester where I envisage them landing a double with Tis Frank Again (2.0) and Aquilifer (3.0).

Having won three of his last four races, Aquilifer has good claims to be regarded as one of the most improved chasers in training.

When he was successful on his latest start at Newbury, at the beginning of this month, conditions underfoot were arguably as testing as at any time this season.

So heavy ground will not bother him this afternoon when he contests the Martley Handicap Chase.

Nor will it worry his principal rival, Mithras, who won at Towcester in December.

However, as he was handed that prize on a proverbial plate when Proud Pilgrim fell two fences from home when holding a commanding lead, I much prefer Aquilifer, who has strung four really solid performances together.

Stable companion Tis Frank Again can initiate the double by winning the second division of the Bransford Novices' Hurdle having run so well in his first race over hurdles at Lingfield to be runner-up to Bold King's Hussar.

However, The Shiner, a third fancied runner for Murray-Smith and Croucher, looks like being foiled as he attempts to follow his easy Wolverhampton win with another in the Broadway Handicap Hurdle.

In this instance I prefer Forest Frolic, who had a similar race at her mercy when she unseated her rider at the last flight on the same track in October.

A poor performance at Huntingdon in the meantime can be blamed fairly and squarely on the ground which was much too fast for her. On soft ground she relishes, my selection will be back in her element today.

The nap, though, is Vulgan Warrior to win the first division of the Bransford Novices' Hurdle.

Denied a similar opportunity at Ascot on Saturday by fog, Jim Wilson's taking six-year-old should only have to well as run as he did at Cheltenham last time when finishing a highly creditable third to Black Monkey and Lord Torenaga to record the first win of his career.

Chelsea Island, my selection for the Colwall Handicap Chase, was not at all disgraced on his belated seasonal debut at Sandown 10 days ago even though he did finish last of the four runners.

He was taking on Long Engagement, Paddyboro and Music Be Magic, all of whom are a grade above his opposition today.

At Sedgefield, I give Burnditch Boy a decent chance of winning the George Mulcaster Memorial Challenge Cup even though he fell on his last appearance on the track on Boxing Day. Mary Reveley's dour nine-year-old has more than sufficient stamina to cope with this race over an extended 3¼ miles on soft ground.

Likewise, Gowan House, who has won four times on the track already, will be suited to the distance of the 2½ miles Sedgefield Handicap Chase having been given the slip by Snow Blessed over two miles at Kelso last Wednesday.

Backing for Wood Chisel

Wood Chisel was backed down from 20-1 to 16-1 joint-favourite for the Triumph Hurdle with Corals yesterday. He shares that mark with South Parade and Kribensis.

The so far unraced Wood Chisel, twice a winner last Flat season for Barry Hills, is now with Nicky Henderson, who will be attempting to win the Triumph for the third time in four years following the victories of First Bout (1985) and Alone Success last year.

Both Wood Chisel and the Michael Stoute-trained Kribensis, denied a first run over hurdles by the loss of Ascot last Saturday, are among 43 four-day declarations for the Walton Novices' Hurdle at Kempton Park on Friday.

Nohalmdun is now 14-1 from 20-1 with the sponsors for the Tote Gold Trophy at Newbury on February 13.

There has also been considerable support for the Irish-trained Dotis Dictio to 33-1 (from 50-1). High Knowl remains 6-1 favourite.



Answers which brought hampers

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WHITBREAD

A veritable multitude of contestants swamped *The Times* with entries for the great Christmas Sports Jumbo Crossword, for which magnificent hampers as prizes were supplied by Whitbread & Co.

Each Whitbread hamper contains one bottle of Lanson Black Label champagne, one bottle of Laphroaig malt whisky, one bottle of Long John blended whisky, one bottle of Beefeater gin, one bottle of Courvoisier VSOP brandy, one bottle of Dona Antonia port, two bottles of Villa Antinori Chianti Classico Rosso, two bottles of Calvet Reserve Blanc, six bottles of Stella Artois, six cans of Heineken, six cans of Whitbread best bitter, six cans of Whitbread Trophy bitter and a Mackeson cake. . .more than enough to celebrate success.

The 10 lucky winners are: I A Cook, Beechdale, Cottingham, N Humberside; M Wire, Cedar Rd, Oxbey, Herts; A Hutchinson, Holdenby Rd, London SE4; T R Heard, Orchard Crescent, Stevenage, Herts; S Straker, Morrell Ave, Oxford; N Baker, Albemarle St, London W1; J Lougson, Torkington Rd , Wilmslow, Cheshire; L Davenport, Jessamine Cottage, Padbury, Bucks; C Kenney, Cupar Rd, Auchtermuchty, Fife; I Reay, Manor Close, E Horsley, Surrey.

SOLUTION: ACROSS: 1, Rackets. 10, Gabba. 13, Title Fight. 14, Minter. 15, Enter. 17, Allison. 18, Track. 19, Over Par. 20, Crossed. 21, Minor. 22, Irish. 23, Stand. 24, Pole. 25, Red Balls. 27, Angles. 30, Lillee. 32, Coach. 35, Ewry. 37, Pro-Am. 38, Kidd. 40, Kite. 41, Oxo. 42, Montgomery. 44, Hagen. 45, Swept. 47, Pace. 51, Mike Proctor. 54, Smith-Martin. 61, Roll. 63, Ashes. 66, Olson. 67, Contestant. 69, Out. 70, Kyle. 72, Borg. 74, India. 75, Over. 76, Swims. 80, Top Spin. 83, Petra. 85, Regattas. 87, Oslo. 89, Roads. 91, Tokyo. 92, Draft. 93, Tempest. 95, Masters. 96, Spear. 97, Pit Stop. 99, Durex. 100, Truman. 101, Brooklands. 102, Reels. 103, Test Run. DOWN: 1, Ryder Cup. Teams. 2, Carswell. 3, Extras. 4, Straddle. 5, Italian Borzer. 6, Seas. 7, Winning Streak. 8, Whitbread. 9, Kip Keino. 10, Grease. 11, Bump Ball. 12, Akridge. 15, Racing. 16, Oche. 21, Miller. 25, Ego. 26, RAC. 28, Lopes. 29, Stoke. 30, Lalloptis. 31, End. 33, Angle. 34, Homer. 36, Pin. 38, Kop. 39, Drew. 40, Kel. 43, Neill. 46, Win. 48, Anita. 49, Pen. 50, May. 52, Plains. 53, Cue. 55, Mitts. 56, Roesl. 57, Crab. 58, Ole. 59 & 79, Wolverhampton Wanderers. 60, Stan Mortensen. 62, Log. 64, Hide. 65, Skate. 66, Old. 68, Over The Stand. 71, Bright. 73, Obo. 77, Was. 78, Meo. 80, Turf Moor. 81, Play Safe. 82, Notts. 83, Pakistan. 84, Toomey. 86, Ante Post. 88, Steer Car. 90, Swarts. 94, Medals. 98, Tall.

YACHTING

Curtis goes ahead on points

From Bob Ross
Sydney

The former world champion, Dave Curtis, of the United States, took the points lead today in the E22 World Championship with a steady improvement throughout race three that lifted him into fourth place after being well back on the first leg.

Racing resumed on Royal Prince Alfred yacht club's offshore course after a two-day break with two heats postponed firstly because the winds were too light, and then because they were too strong.

Dave Gunday, of the United States, won, taking victory by one second on the finishing line from the Bermudian, Timothy Patton, who had led for most of the race. The Australian champion, Peter Dore, was third, another 29 seconds behind.

Curtis was fourth, 14 seconds ahead of another former world champion, John Savage (Australia) after being in the mid "teens" in the 59 yard fleet at the first windward mark.

He leads the series with a loss of 27 points from Savage 28 and *Phil Thompson (Australia)* 31. Andrew Walters, of Britain, eleventh in yesterday's race, is 38th overall in the fleet of 59.

Saint-Martin bows out

Mud-spattered Yves Saint-Martin returns to the unsaddling enclosure for the final time after competing in an international jockeys' contest at Bay Meadows, California, on Sunday.

Saint-Martin, aged 46, who was French champion on 15 occasions, has given up riding after a distinguished 30-year career to concentrate on a new role as bloodstock agent.

Saint-Martin finished last in both his races at Bay Meadows, where an American team beat an overseas side 108-83 in a four-race series.

One jockey celebrating, however, was John Reid, newly appointed No 1 jockey to Vincent O'Brien, who gained his first American victory, aboard Sovereign Answer in the opening event, run on dirt because the turf course was too wet

Smart Yale earns tilt at Newbury

Josh Gifford has a strong contender in Yale for next month's £50,000 Tote Gold Trophy at Newbury.

After Yale had decisively scored by six lengths in Fontwell's Coral Bookmakers Handicap Hurdle yesterday, the Findon trainer said: "Yale has only 9st 10lb at Newbury, but make no mistake, he has a touch of class. I was very pleased with his performance — I wish I had 20 horses like him."

Gifford, keeping his fingers crossed that the going at Newbury will be testing, will also be represented in the big race by prolific winner Musical Mystery. Stable jockey Richard Rowe has yet to make up his mind which one to ride.

The Yale partnership was completing a double, having scored with 12-1 shot Tarahumara, bred by the former champion jump jockey Terry Biddlecombe.

Gifford said: "I bought Tarahumara for only peanuts from Terry on behalf of Mrs Ryan Price. Later, when Mrs Price wanted to cut back, he was sold on to the Southern Caravan Group."

The mare is closely related to chasing stars Spanish Steps and Royal Relief, and Gifford is confident she will have an impact in the paddock when her racing days are over.

Old-stager Flamenco Dancer gave amateur Darren O'Sullivan a special golden moment when landing the Horton Amateur Riders Handicap Chase.

It was a first winner under rules for O'Sullivan, who at 18 is just four years older than the horse.

Flamenco Dancer is trained at Bognor Regis by Darren's uncle, Roland O'Sullivan, who said: "I bought Flamenco Dancer especially for Darren to ride. It may be his first and last winner as an amateur. He has just applied to the Jockey Club to turn professional."

O'Sullivan intends to enter Flamenco Dancer for the Grand National.

Peter Scudamore sat tight when Cats Eyes made a bad blunder six fences from home in the Peter Duncanson Memorial Novices Chase. After that hair-raising moment the partnership went on to score by seven lengths.

Scudamore said: "Cats Eyes got close and pecked, but was never in any danger of coming down. He has had a lot of racing over the years, and knows how to survive."

In-form Epsom trainer Reg Akehurst, who leaves for a three-week Barbadian holiday tomorrow, gained some extra spending money for the trip when newcomer Malamain just held off the fast-finishing Sayfar's Lad in the Middleton Novices' Hurdle.

Akehurst bought Malamain out of Luca Cumani's Newmarket stable for 16,000 guineas at the Newmarket Autumn sales, but when the colt arrived home, Akehurst found he was a wind-sucker and Cumani gave him a reduction of 6,000 guineas.

Sedgefield doubt

Today's Sedgefield meeting is subject to a 7.30am inspection. The clerk of the course, John Cleverly, said: "Prospects are not looking good. We haven't got a chance of racing if we get any more rain." No inspection is planned for Worcester.

Results from two meetings

Fontwell Park

Going: soft

1.15 (2m 2f hdle) 1, MALAMAIN (Dale McKeown, 6-1); 2, Seyfar's Lad (P Murphy, 10-1); 3, Bamser Lad (R Goldstein, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 5-4 fav Wink Gulliver, 6 Zarussi Line, 10 Sheer Elation (6th), Marley Monarch (5th), 25 Bright Favor, Father John (pu), Fourth Lad, Knockin' Express (pu), 33 Caballine, First Citizen, 50 Marquee Cafe, Silver Thorn (pu), Tower Bay (4th), War Child (pu). 17 ran. NR: Court Command, Don Keydrop, Hail Critique. ¾l, 8l, 2½l, 5l, 2l. R Akehurst at Epsom. Tote: £7.10; £2.90, £1.90, £5.30. DF: £171.10. CSF: £63.71.

1.45 (2m 2f 110yd ch) 1, WHISKEY TIME (G McCourt, 11-2); 2, Snitterfield (H Davies, 100-30); 3, Graiguenamanagh (R Rowell, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 3 fav Neverot (f), 5 Sir Wager (f), 12 Legal Sugar (pu), 16 Killoon (pu), Sandymount House, 25 Venetian Princess (5th), 33 Playfields (6th), Up At Dawn (4th), 50 Buggy's Uncle, Fading Dawn (ur), Armagh Glow, 14 ran. Sh hd, 20l, hd, sht hd, dist. J Jenkins at Royston. Tote: £4.50; £2.60, £1.20, £3.50. DF: £7.50. CSF: £22.02. Bought in 2,500gns.

2.15 (2m 2f hdle) 1, TARAHUMARA (R Rowe, 12-1); 2, Corrie Lass (S Earle, 33-1); 3, Treble Chance (T Shoesmith, 5-1). ALSO RANS: 6-4 fav Quay Walk, 11-2 Out Of Range, Spockylovers, 9 Firmlee (6th), 14 Sandur (5th), 20 Topsy Bee, 25 Miss Brannidge, 33 Chatsender (pu), Clover Song, Emnadil (4th), Fine Kate, Ginger Parkin (pu), Harbour Girl, Hollow Wonder, Housewife, Knice (pu). 19 ran. NR: My Purple Prose. 2l, 8l, 15l, 2½l, 2l. J Gifford at Findon. Tote: £9.90; £2.90, £7.40, £2.10. DF: £983.20. CSF: £337.24.

2.45 (2m 4f ch) 1, CATS EYES (P Scudamore, 100-30); 2, River Trout (W Humphreys, 50-1); 3, Direct Approach (R Rowe, 3-1). ALSO RAN: 6-4 fav Farmlea Boy (ur), 10 Spring Phiire (4th), 12 Our Nobby (5th), 33 Al's Son, 50 Boyne Salmon, Doff (5th), Snowball Jim. 10 ran. 7l, 10l, 12l, 21½l, 5l. M Pipe at Wellington. Tote: £3.40; £1.50, £9.70, £2.00. DF: £74.30. CSF: £103.64.

3.15 (3m 2f 110yd ch) 1, FLAMENCO DANCER (Mr D O'Sullivan, 9-2 fav); 2, Western Tint (Mr C Burnett-Wells, 25-1); 3, Evening Song (Mr P Townsley, 7-1); 4, Southdown Spirit (Mr T Thomson Jones, 11-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Ashlone (5th), 15-2 Rhyme (f), Harvest Fortune (f), 8 Fast Escape (f), 12 Wingatts, 14 Du Pluvinel (6th), 20 High Blend (f), 25 Valmai (ur), 33 Captain Lowe, Mercy Lass (ur), 50 Bynecondra (f), 66 Grey Tarquin (pu), 100 Aysta's Sun (pu). 17 ran. 4l, ¾l, 30l, dist. 2l. R J O'Sullivan at Bognor Regis. Tote: £5.10; £1.70, £7.30, £2.20, £1.80. DF: £113.00. CSF: £98.33. Tricast: £718.39.

3.45 (2m 2f hdle) 1, YALE (R Rowe, 4-1); 2, Caverns Lad (C Cox, 13-2); 3, Grey Salute (S Smith Eccles, 5-2 fav). ALSO RAN: 4 Man O'Magic (4th), 9 Fingest (5th), 10 Heart Of Stone, 16 Inherit (6th), 25 Windbreaker, 50 Standard Rose, Island Pearl, Fearis, 11 ran. 6l, 3l, 4l, 1l, 1½l. J Gifford at Findon. Tote: £4.30; £1.90, £2.30, £1.80. DF: £12.90. CSF: £27.60. Tricast: £68.41.

Placepot: £179.30

Carlisle

Going: heavy (final hurdle omitted)

1.0 (2m ch) 1, REAY'S SONG (P Harris, 10-1); 2, Another Hall (K Doolan, 2-1 fav); 3, Spot The Patch (W Hayes, 13-2). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Snow Blessed, 11-2 Yellow Stag (4th), 10 Ram The Thor, 20 Mainstorm Queen (5th), Impertain (6th), 50 The Wizard Earl. 9 ran. 3l, 7l, 1l, 8l, 1l. M Naughton at Richmond. Tote: £14.30; £1.70, £1.30, £1.30. DF: £ 12.10. CSF: £28.32. Tricast: £128.60.

1.30 (2m 330yd hdle) 1, CRESTED (M Hammond, 11-10 fav); 2, Ben Ledi (M Dwyer, 5-1); 3, Skibreli (R Beggan, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 8 Glen Weaving, 12 Ardasher (6th), 14 Fir Trading (5th), Running Money (4th), 16 Le Guerrier, 25 King Of Class, 33 Captain Thomas (pu). Entire, 50 Misty Runner. 12 ran. ½l, 8l, 6l, 2½l, 7l. G Moore at Middleham. Tote: £2.60; £1.20, £2.10, £2.20. DF: £6.00. CSF: £8.22.

2.0 (3m ch) 1, GALA PRINCE (G Harker, 11-8 fav); 2, Alice's Boy (C Cowley, 6-1); 3, Tullassanine (P Tuck, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Bay Of Wishes (6th), Golden Redeemer (4th), 10 Purple Beam (5th), 8 ran. 6l, 2l, hd, 12l, 4l. T Barron at Maunby. Tote: £2.00; £1.10, £2.60. DF: £8.60. CSF: £9.07.

2.30 (2m 330yd hdle) 1, LORD SUN (K Teelan, 4-1); 2, Dutchelin (C Grant, 10-1); 3, Crash Marker (R Hodge, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav Hitchinestown (5th), 9-2 Fell Mist, 12 Border Oak (ur), 14 Ellie On (4th), 16 Manique (6th), 25 Rebecca's Pet (pu), 33 Counting King, Stainton Gypsy, 50 Conte-Lad, Persian Thorns, Snowpin, Straight Bat. 15 ran. NR: Belepheron. 6l, nk, 5l, 1l, 4l. D Moffatt at Cartmel. Tote: £5.40; £1.80, £3.80, £2.90. DF: £48.90. CSF: £46.30.

3.0 (2m 4f ch) 1, DAVID'S TREASURE (J D Doyle, 11-8 fav); 2, Irish Guest (D Nolan, 5-2); 3, Russling Shot (K Doolan, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Cornish Spring (f). 4 ran. dist. 20l. R Fisher at Ulverston. Tote: £1.60. DF: £1.70. CSF: £4.57.

3.30 (2m 30yd hdle) 1, CHRISTMAS HOLLY (N Smith, 5-1); 2, Echo Beach (D Crossman, 20-1); 3, Pendley Gold (J Callaghan, 11-1). ALSO RAN: 6-4 fav Celtic Bob, 5-2 Dom Edino (6th), 9 Park Run, 16 Another Dollar, 20 Starlight Rocky (4th), 50 Lochlarney (5th). 9 ran. 15l, 4l, 6l, 30l, 2½l. Mrs G Reveley at Saltburn-by-the-Sea. Tote: £5.30; £1.30, £3.90, £3.20. DF: £57.60. CSF: £81.60. Tricast: £960.68.

Placepot: £49.90

VOLLEYBALL

Liverpool stay the course to reach final

By Roddy Mackenzie

Liverpool City, who have never achieved enough consistency to muster a league title challenge, have secured a place in the Royal Bank English men's cup final with a 15-4, 13-15, 15-8, 17-15 victory over Speedwell Rucanor.

Although Liverpool squandered six match points after leading 14-7 before ending the Bristol side's challenge — they should prove worthy opponents to Malory in the final at Crystal Palace on March 13. "The players have grown in confidence this season and they feel they can beat anyone," Graham North, the coach, said.

Malory defeated *Time Out* Spark in the other semi-final 15-9, 15-9, 10-15, 15-4. John Nash, coach to the bolders, said yesterday: "We maybe have a slight psychological advantage going into the final, but Liverpool *have a great bunch of players* and it will all be down to who performs on the day."

In Scotland, Krystal Klear kept their advantage at the top of the men's first division by beating Kinleith Plant 15-6, 15-7, 15-12, while MIM Livingston, the champions, overcame Bellshill Cardinals 15-5, 15-6, 15-8.

Kyle kept up their unbeaten record in the women's first division by beating Wheatsheaf Jets 15-2, 15-7, 15-12.

WORCESTER

Selections

By Mandarin

1.00 VULGAN WARRIOR (nap).
1.30 Chelsea Island.
2.00 Tis Frank Again.
2.30 Up Cooke.
3.00 Aquilifer.
3.30 Forest Frolic.

By Michael Seely

1.00 VULGAN WARRIOR (nap). 3.00 Aquilifer.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 1.00 VULGAN WARRIOR.

Going: heavy

1.0 BRANSFORD NOVICES HURDLE (Div I: £1,254: 2m 4f) (24 runners)

1	PP-P	ASHTON EXPRESS 43 (G Chamberlain) A Chamberlain 7-10-12	P Dever	—
3	F40	BREENAMORE 28 (H Spooner) W Kemp 6-10-12	S Shilston	71
4	0006-0F	BUSKINA 62 (T Sivlter) C Vernon Miller 6-10-12	K Mooney	—
6	4P-0030	DROWSY 28 (B) (R Clark) O Sherwood 6-10-12	A Smith (7)	75
8	F00-P	EM-EM 52 (R Tanner) J Old) 6-10-12	S McNeill	—
11	F	HANHE 20 (M Deren) B Smart 6-10-12	T Philfield (7)	—
12	0000-F0	HELLO ROCKY 62 (R Shaw) Miss E Snayd 7-10-12	D Gallagher (4)	—
13	0/00-	INDALUTION 355 (J Needham) J Needham 6-10-12	Mr R Bellamy (7)	—
14		JURISPRUDENCE (T Forbes) P Bevan 5-10-12	J Barton (7)	—
17	3-03001	MUSIC MINSTREL 12 (B) (S Redmond) A Turnell 5-10-12	Steve Knight	86
18	462-0	OVER AND ABOVE 68 (Mrs I Wills) N Henderson 6-10-12	J Osborne (4)	86
19	P0	PHILCLASS 18 (A Sadik) J Cosgrave 5-10-12	K Ryan	—
21	000	POINT MADE 88 (A Deal) Mrs J Pitman 5-10-12	M Pitman	76
24	F403-00	SHAH'S CHOICE 47 (A Skidmore) C Popham 5-10-12	B Powell	81
27	20-03	VULGAN WARRIOR 18 (Mrs M Wilson) A J Wilson 6-10-12	H Davies	86
28	P-0000	WATERGLASS 29 (Mrs P Freeman) S Harris 6-10-12	C Mann	63
30	0240/P-0	WHISTLING DANCER 29 (J Mead) C Tristine 6-10-12	W Humphreys (4)	—
33	P	FRENCH PATH 38 (D Bell) D Bell 5-10-7	Lorna Vincent	—
35		IMPY WAY (K Weisselberg) K Weisselberg 5-10-7	C Jones	—
36	P000/004-	LUCKY LENA 238 (S Torr) D Burchell 5-10-7	D J Burchell (4)	—
38		SLIP SAIL (Mrs A Bennett) D Haydn Jones 5-10-7	G McCourt	—
41	0303-0P	WHISTLING EDGE 43 (E Allsopp) J Spearing 5-10-7	A Webb	80
42	00	WILLOW WREN 70 (Miss K Whitehouse) Mrs W Sykes 5-10-7	C Llewellyn (4)	—
43	0P	TOWER BAY 22 (Mrs S Gill) Mrs S Gill 4-10-0	—	61

BETTING: 6-4 Vulgan Warrior, 5-1 Musical Minstrel, 6-1 Shah's Choice, 7-1 Over And Above, 10-1 Whistling Edge, Drowsy, 14-1 Lucky Lena, 20-1 others.

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FORM BREENAMORE (11-0) 19l 4th to Zagazig (11-0) at Market Rasen on penultimate start (2m, £1469, soft, Nov 28, 17 ran). DROWSY (11-0) showed best at Nottingham in December (2m 6f, £957, good to soft, Dec 5, 15 ran) 7l 3rd to Fire Refined (11-4). MUSIC MINSTREL (11-3) 13½l 8th to Pearly King (11-8) on heavy ground at Lingfield (2m, 2924, Jan 7, 17 ran). OVER AND ABOVE, always behind last time, last season at Sedgefield (3m 2f 160yd, 2979, heavy, Apr 7, 17 ran) (11-0) finished 5l 2nd to Surpass (12-0). POINT MADE (10-10) 23¾l 5th to Prime Number (10-10) at Wincanton (2m, £1135, soft, Nov 12, 15 ran) with MUSIC MINSTREL (10-10) a never nearer 7th. VULGAN WARRIOR (11-0) stayed on up the Cheltenham hill 2¾l 3rd to Black Monkey (11-0) (2m 4f, £2349, good to soft, Jan 1, 12 ran) with PHILCLASS (10-10) 11th.

Selection: VULGAN WARRIOR

1.30 COLWALL HANDICAP CHASE (£2,015: 2m) (8 runners)

1	F53-P40	ALDRO 4 (D,G,S) (P Riley) W Clay 12-12-9	Diane Clay (7)	85
2	01-6130	POMMARDY 17 (CD,F,S) (Mrs J Chadwick) Mrs J Chadwick 9-11-6	M Bosley	88
3	330-0P0	VALLEY JUSTICE 68 (S) (A Carver) C Tristine 8-11-5	W Humphreys (4)	90
4	F2-00F0	CHARLIE'S COTTAGE 52 (G,S) (W Sturt) J Old 8-11-2	S McNeill	82
5	F-0PP30	SANDWALKER 43 (C,G,S) (D Price) G Price 8-10-11	M Price (7)	87
7	10030-0	EUROLINK BOY 18 (D,F,G,S) (Eurolink Computer) G Balding 9-10-5	S Moore	84
8	0-P0142	HARLEY STREET MAN 31 (D,BF,F,G) (J Powis) C Jackson 7-10-3	H Davies	88
9	02302-4	CHELSEA ISLAND 10 (D,F,G) (W Taylor) W Taylor 13-10-3	L Harvey	90

BETTING: 3-1 Harley Street Man, 7-2 Chelsea Island, 4-1 Pommardy, 13-2 aldro, 8-1 Eurolink Boy, 10-1 Charlie's Cottage, 14-1 Sandwalker, 16-1 Valley Justice.

FORM ALDRO'S best effort this season when (11-1) 24l 4th to Larry-O (10-1) at Wolverhampton in December (2m 4f, £3954, good, 7 ran). POMMARDY, tailed off in the Newbury mud last time, previously (10-3) 14¾l 3rd to Lucky Rascal (12-0) at Warwick (2m 4f, £2822, good, Dec 3, 12 ran). SANDWALKER (11-10) 34l 5th to Wherry Burn (11-3) over course and distance latest (£1615, good, Dec 7, 7 ran). EUROLINK BOY (10-4) 32l 6th to Rambling Wild (11-1) on Windsor reappearance (2m 40yd, £2557, good to soft, Jan 1, 8 ran). HARLEY STREET MAN (11-6) odds on when 6l 2nd to Rusty Roc (11-0) in a 4 runner Bangor novice last time (2m, £1535, soft, Dec 19). CHELSEA ISLAND (10-0) ran a very respectable 11¾l 4th to Long Engagement (11-10) when 34lb out of the handicap at Sandown (2m 18yd, £4890, good to soft, Jan 9, 4 ran).

Selection: CHELSEA ISLAND

2.0 BRANSFORD NOVICES HURDLE (Div II: £1,221: 2m 4f) (25 runners)

1	0P-0410	SUSSEX OVERSEAS 39 (D,S) (F Jackson) F Jackson 6-11-8	Diane Clay (7)	85
2	1/030/	BONNY PRINCE IVOR 794 (D Sheppard) T Hallett 6-10-12	Samantha Dunster (7)	—
4		CAPELI COME (T Parrott) Mrs H Parrott 6-10-12	C Jones	—
7	00	COOL DISTINCTION 17 (J Huckle) C Tristine 5-10-12	L Harvey	—
11		DEBLINS DOUBLE (Mrs J Brickell) J Colston 5-10-12	W Hayes (7)	—
13		DUNDRUM HOUSE (A Crowe) M Oliver 6-10-12	E Buckley	—
14	03/	FAST FORWARD 1088 (T Caldwell) T Caldwell 7-10-12	P Caldwell (7)	—
15	00	GOLDFINGER 20 (J Pilkington) J Pilkington 5-10-12	A Sharpe	—
16	1-00	GOODASNEW 57 (S) (M Brookes) D Wintle 5-10-12	S Keightley	—
17	P-PP	KINGSBRIDGE FLYER 36 (P. King) A Chamberlain 5-10-12	Lorna Vincent	—
18	0P	LATE TROOPER 21 (P Pritchard) P Pritchard 5-10-12	D Clifton	—
19	3-02	LIFE OF REILLY 29 (J Galvanoni) O Sherwood 6-10-12	C Cox	85
20	002	LOVER BILL 24 (Dr P Brown) M Wilkinson 6-10-12	C Llewellyn (4)	78
21	0	LUNAR KING 103 (W Cestrey) G Yardley 7-10-12	W McFarland (7)	—
23	0P-	PLAY ON 395 (Arrow Valley Transport) C Tidelline 7-10-12	W Humphreys (4)	—
25	020/02-	PRIME OATS 342 (J Strutt) N Henderson 5-10-12	S Smith Eccles	89
27	000-	REDMARLEY 346 (B) (Mrs E Weisselberg) G Balding 6-10-12	G Bradley	—
34	22	TIS FRANK AGAIN 12 (BF) (W O'Neill) D M-Smith 6-10-12	P Croucher	85
38	00-	WILD DEAL 274 (S Akenseen) W Fisher 7-10-12	S McNeill	—
40	14	BEL CREATION 18 (S) (J Manson) J Spearing 4-10-10	M Perrett	74
45	300	IAMA PRINCESS 48 (I Glanton) R Hollinshead 5-10-7	P Dever	84
48	0	MORNING RUN 24 (N De Savary) N Thomson 5-10-7	—	—
49	PF0	NEW CITY 24 (N Stanton) S Palling 5-10-7	C Evans	—
53	00P	GALALOE GLEN 18 (S) (J Wood) J Cosgrave 4-10-5	K Ryan	—
54	00	SUMMER TRIP 53 (P Kelly) R Manning 4-10-5	A Mulholland (7)	83

BETTING: 11-4 Prime Oats, 3-1 Tis Frank Again, 4-1 Life Of Reilly, 6-1 Lover Bill, 8-1 Bel Creation.

FORM SUSSEX OVERSEAS (10-9) beat Sweet Rosa (10-12) 8l at Southwell on penultimate start (2m 4f, £760, soft, Nov 17, 10 ran). LIFE OF REILLY (10-11) 8l runner-up at Towcester (2m, £838, soft, Dec 21, 18 ran) to Sir's At The Gin (10-11). LOVER BILL (11-0) was 12l 2nd to Tante Marie (10-9) at Huntingdon (2m 4f, £1081, good to soft, Dec 28, 17 ran). PRIME OATS (11-4) 1½l 2nd to Christian Schad (11-8) at Ascot (2m, £3141, good, Feb 11, 18 ran). TIS FRANK AGAIN (11-3) 2½l 2nd to Bold Kings Hussar (11-3) on hurdling debut at Lingfield (2m, 2913, heavy, Jan 7, 9 ran). BEL CREATION (10-0) was 9½l 4th to Wink Gulliver (11-0) at Cheltenham (2m, £3695, good to soft, Jan 1, 8 ran) with GALALOE GLEN (11-0) pulled up.

Selection: PRIME OATS

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 8-0432 TREESFORM 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ..... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F-fell. P-pulled up. U-unseated rider. B-brought down. S-slipped up. R-refused). Horse's name. Days since last outing. (B-blinkers. V-visor. H-hood. E-Eyeshield. C-course winner. D-distance winner. CD-course and distance winner. BF-beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F-firm, good to firm, hard. G-good. S-soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

2.30 SALE GREEN NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,571: 2m 4f) (18 runners)

1	036-3U0	ROYAL CRACKER 3 (B) (Harlow Bros Ltd) T Ellis 7-11-10	N Fehm (4)	—
2	10-FU01	UP COOKE 73 (F,S) (E Gallagher) M Pipe 7-11-6	—	57
4	030-320	OPENING BARS 31 (B) (K Ogden) G Thorner 7-11-5	J White	—
5	2-BP003	YOUNG NICHOLAS 12 (G,S) (B Snell) J Roberts 7-11-4	J Frost	—
8	4050-03	ONLY TROUBLE 22 (T Houlbrooke) T Houlbrooke 7-10-11	J Bryan	94
9	02-3332	BEE GARDEN 21 (B) (M Motley) P Bailey 7-10-11	S Powell	89
10	1/0P003	ALDO KING 18 (B) (Mrs V Langford) A Turnell 7-10-10	I Lawrence (7)	99
13	10-FF0F	BEECH GROVE 24 (B) (Mrs L Hillard) T Forster 7-10-2	C Llewellyn (4)	—
15	00-0003	BLUE SPARKIE 18 (B) (R Fry) J Old 7-10-0	S McNeill	89
16	03-F000	DOBSONS CHOICE 20 (F,S) (E Evans) E Evans 10-10-0	P Warner	—
18	10F00P	AWANEEN 22 (F) (Miss S Oliver) Miss S Oliver 7-10-0	J Duggan	93
21	00P6-	JUDGMENT DAY 273 (R Trotti) N Henderson 6-10-0	M Bowlby	—
22	U306F-0	DREAMCOAT 24 (B) (D Goodenough) K Bishop 7-10-0	S Earle	—
23	600-0F	SMITH'S LAD 21 (Smith Mansfield Meat) Mrs J Pitman 6-10-0	B de Haan	—
24	1300F/	RAWDY 774 (B) (J Reilly) J Spearing 10-10-0	P Warner	—
25	00-P0	MANDRAKI SHUFFLE 28 (Mrs J Dibben) J Old 6-10-0	—	—
27	3P000-U	SCALDINO 82 (K Weisselberg) K Weisselberg 9-10-0	C Jones	—
28	P06P-P0	YOUNG JILL 20 (Mrs H Dowson) Mrs H Dowson 9-10-0	S Keightley	—

BETTING: 7-2 Up Cooke, 4-1 Bee Garden, 5-1 Aldo King, 6-1 Opening Bars, 8-1 Young Nicholas, Beech Grove, 10-1 Royal Cracker, Blue Sparkie, 12-1 others.

FORM ROYAL CRACKER (12-0) 18½l 5th to Edwards Vision (12-0) in a Market Rasen amateur chase (2m 5f, £1737, soft, Jan 16, 14 ran). UP COOKE (10-8) beat Vulrory's Clown (10-13) ¾l at Chepstow (2m, £1778, good to soft, Nov 7, 15 ran). YOUNG NICHOLAS (11-3) 33l 3rd to Hellinger (11-5) on heavy ground at Lingfield (2m, £1709, Jan 7, 9 ran). ONLY TROUBLE (10-5) 20½l 3rd to Tonights The Night (10-0) at Wolverhampton (2m 4f, £2695, good to soft, Dec 28, 16 ran) with ROYAL CRACKER (10-10) in touch when unseating and AWANEEN (11-0) pulled up. BEE GARDEN (10-12) 20l 2nd to Dusty (10-0) in a Stratford novice handicap (2m 5f, £2585, good to soft, Dec 29, 15 ran) with SMITH'S LAD (10-3) pulled up. ALDO KING (11-3) ran a game 10l 3rd to Bendicks (11-3) at Windsor last time (2m 40yd, £1873, good to soft, Jan 1, 17 ran). BLUE SPARKIE (10-11) suited by the heavy ground at Leicester (2m, £1682, Jan 1, 8 ran) when 12l 3rd to Dancing Admiral (10-4).

Selection: BLUE SPARKIE

3.0 MARTLEY HANDICAP CHASE (£2,872: 3m) (7 runners)

3	411121	AQUILIFER 15 (D,S) (B Kilpatrick) D Murray-Smith 8-

South African football, outlawed from the international stage, remains in good heart and socially involved

A soaring anthem of hope at Ellis Park

COMMENTARY



David Miller
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Last Saturday I heard a choir of tens of thousands in a packed sporting stadium, the unified voice of an oppressed people, singing before the kick-off with an ardour beside which even the passionate, melodious Welsh would pale.

As with so many nations during the past century, football gives to non-white South Africa an identifiable public face which for its unworldly, *working inhabitants* is more immediate than politics or religion. There is, strangely, more release or inspiration to be found in a simple ball game than in all the rhetoric of a Tutu or the late, revered Biko.

An Indian, who left school at 12 under the yoke of apartheid to make his way by middle-age to a position of substantial wealth, has almost single-handedly created here an event unique in football. The potential riches of South African professional football, *predominantly black* yet *wholly* non-racial, may be ostracized by the rest of the world in a perverse misapplication of anti-apartheid ideology, yet it promotes a self-help charitable occasion fit to shame some of the foreign do-gooders.

In the third annual Charity Spectacular, masterminded by Abdul Bhamjee, the public relations officer of the National Soccer League, and sponsored by Iwisa Maize, 92,000 spectators filled Ellis Park to the rafters for 12 hours of non-stop football and entertainment. Thereby they raised almost 500,000 rand (£145,000) which will go primarily to the Natal flood disaster fund.

In the past two seasons similar benefits were raised for Operation Hunger and other charities such as St John's Ambulance, Crossroads branch, in Cape Town; the eligible charities for the NSL trust being child welfare, famine relief and education organizations operating nationally and non-racially.

The event, from mid-morning to late evening, makes the FA Charity Shield by comparison as mundane as a WI bazaar. Though the sum *raised may be relatively modest* it comes from spectators paying fiverand (£1.40) out of a weekly wage of maybe £25.

Charity apart, what is unique *about the day is that the four teams*, who play two semi-finals and a final, are invited by the NSL following a public popularity poll.

Over 30,000 were already in the stadium for the start of the curtain-raiser, a schools under-12 match. What a revelation this was in several aspects for anyone unfamiliar with South African football.

The teams, Bedfordview and Mapelta, walked to the centre circle and all 22 exchanged handshakes. The level of technical skill and tactical understanding on a full sized pitch was exceptional for this age group. Any piece of ball juggling drew warm applause.

Mapelta had the technical edge but Bedfordview were the stronger runners and they won by three goals. There was hardly a foul throughout and both teams were warmly received at the finish.

Bedfordview are *white* and Mapelta are from Soweto. But more of football's contribution to an apartheid solution tomorrow.

The crowd had its money worth, all three of the senior matches going to extra time, both semi-finals decided only on penalties. Kaizer Chiefs, a Soweto team whose supporters club dwarfs Manchester United with a registered figure of over a million holding special credit cards, won the Charity Spectacular for the first two years, but 20 minutes from the end against AmaZulu were trailing 3-1.

AmaZulu are from Durban. Their supporters had been travelling all night. Their right winger, Joel Faya, though not perhaps a John Barnes, would be welcomed by *many English first division* teams, and now he tormented the favourites. The normal stadium capacity is 67,000; charity, it would appear, twists the arm of the police, for people were still pouring in way beyond this figure.

Chiefs got one back, AmaZulu dozed, and in injury time Chiefs equalized. They did not get in front until AmaZulu missed the last penalty kick.

Jomo Cosmos, the 1985 League champions, were founded by one of the more bizarre figures to be found in football: Jomo Sono, a wealthy black, who is a brilliant ball player and goal-scorer with stunning free kicks, yet so overweight he can hardly touch his knees together. His side was losing to Orlando Pirates until they snatched extra time with the last kick and ultimately reached the final on penalties.

To give the winners of the second semi-final a necessary rest there followed two hours or more of entertainment. An old-fashioned circus troupe filled the pitch and a white, Chaplinesque clown won the kind of affection among the crowd which knows no colour bar.

Pop singers and rhythm groups turned up the amplifiers until our ears vibrated like railway sleepers. Zulu dancers cast a mystic spell upon the gathering, which was then wound into a frenzy by Lucky Dube, the foremost reggae singer, whose lyrics unashamedly embrace political activism. Yet in this vast, throbbing crowd not a policeman was evident, or needed, all day.

Finally, with Chiefs and Cosmos on the pitch for the start of the conclusive match, the Baragwanath Hospital choir, which has toured the world, led the crowd in the soulful xhosa song which would be the national anthem of a changed society. Ellis Park, designed as the rugby stronghold of white supremacy, was for this day a cathedral of black emancipation.

Extra time was again needed before Chiefs defeated their great rivals, on a day when their hero had been Chris Le Grange, a white goalkeeper, making his debut after being brought out of amateur obscurity in Cape Town.

The enterprise of Abdul Bhamjee has created a marvellous platform for this game which to an increasing extent overcomes the stark prejudices of a confused society.

RUGBY UNION

Davies has earned chance to show his skills with England

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

Even allowing for the fact that England's management team of Geoff Cooke, John Elliott and Roger Uttley is barely a month old, it may not be too early to consider adding Alan Davies to them for the close season tour to Australia.

Davies's record as coach to the B side over the last year underlines his value as a motivator and his coaching background at club and divisional level indicates considerably greater depths. Nor is the suggestion made regardless of the coaching role which Cooke, the team manager, wishes to adopt.

But the tour is a different matter and Cooke, despite *support from the Rugby Football Union's technical and administrative staff*, may find the administrative load on a tour manager will prohibit him from devoting as much time as he would like to preparing the senior side.

Cooke and Uttley look the men to take England to Australia for the eight-match visit between May and June, but the well-established two-coach principle would fail if all the work devolves on Uttley. Hence the attraction of Davies coaching the backs and Uttley the forwards.

Elliott's function as a selector, anyway, is essentially confined to the domestic season and Davies would be attracted by the idea because



Davies: proud record

he has dealt with so many of the likely touring party, though he would need to receive clearance from Trent College to miss a busy time of year for schoolmasters.

With David Robinson, his B team assistant, he will clearly be making contributions in selection because there are B matches against Italy and Spain on March 4 (the weekend of the Calcutta Cup match) and March 18. (England v Ireland). Given a touring party of 26 to Australia, several of his players must surely be involved, plus those who have already graduated from the B to the A side.

The players also praise the positive qualities he has added to their game while the work of the B team backs in Paris, marshalled by Peter Williams on an *appalling playing surface*, bore testimony to his work.

That game is not his only credit: anyone who can prepare two different teams to beat the French home and away in contrasting circumstances — and who can whip up a side so well that they beat the A team in the trial — is worthy of high regard.

"It doesn't matter what team you coach if you have the commitment to the way you want to organize the team and get the picture together," Davies said. "I tell the players at once they are the paints and I am the painter and it pleases me immensely the commitment they have to me."

Cooke not afraid of change

By David Hands

The joke doing the rounds in Paris on Saturday was that England had mistaken which team should be playing in the senior international and which the B international. Such poor taste deserved to rebound upon the jokers as both English XVs did their surprisingly large numbers of supporters proud — the test now is whether they can sustain it.

In recent times there have been a number of one performance seasons from England: against Australia in the World Cup, against Scotland last season, against Ireland the year before. Geoff Cooke, the England team manager, said: "So far we are at base camp. Now we must start climbing the mountain and improve from a reasonably good side into a try-scoring, winning team able to compete with the best consistently."

England's XV to play Wales at Twickenham on February 6 will be announced next Tuesday, after the selectors have watched Saturday's Cup games, and it may be worth bearing in mind some characteristics of Northern divisional selections these last two years in which they have made bold changes to winning teams after identifying weaknesses in the opening games.

Cooke was the North's manager last season and had some input this season before inheriting the England post. "What we must debate is whether the spirit of confidence built up through the preparation and the match would be jeopardized by making changes," Cooke said. "But we have an obligation to consider whether we can improve the team."

An obvious area is centre it only because England lost two players, Halliday and Buckton, with hamstring injuries before the trial. But Simms and Carling defended well in Paris; moreover Carling, whose senior experience amounts to extremely little, contributed those extra nuances which made his debut particularly gratifying.

Halliday, who played for Bath on Friday, has had so little rugby this season (his first team games do not reach double figures) and Bath's Cup opponents, Lichfield, do not with respect, present the ideal examination.

● Scotland, the other losers, to Ireland, intend to name their XV to play France at Murrayfield on February 6 tomorrow. They have no injury problems, but will examine closely their forward performance, bearing in mind that England's good showing in Paris will have done the other three countries no favours. France, undoubtedly, received the shock of their lives and will work like fury to avoid any repetition.

● The Ireland team to meet France in Paris on February 20 will be named early next week. And Donal Lenihan, the Irish captain, gives whole-hearted approval to that decision.

"It makes a tremendous difference to our training sessions when everyone knows the team. There is no point, nor reason, for delaying selection and that was proved by our performance against Scotland."

BASKETBALL

Kingston chasing an historic victory

By Nicholas Harling

Nobody really took Jim Kelly seriously when the Bayer Leverkusen coach said last month that *it would all come down to the last game*. The West Germans had just overcome Polycell Kingston 111-97 in the quarter-final pool of the European Cup Winners' Cup and if either team seemed certain at that stage to secure the second semi-final place, behind Limoges, it was Leverkusen.

Tonight, at Tolworth, however, the onus is very much with Kingston in what amounts to the most important game ever played by any British club in Europe. Their magnificent win against IMT Belgrade in Yugoslavia last week means that Kingston will become the first British club to reach the last four of a European event if they can avenge the defeat they suffered in the Rhineland.

"It was always going to come down to the last game," Kelly reiterated yesterday. "I've always said that if you are going to qualify in competitions like this in Europe, you've got to win on the road and Kingston did just that last week with their good win in Yugoslavia. Now it's up to us to get ours. We know what is at stake."

The former coach of Solent Stars, Kelly has even more injury problems than the hosts, only he has had more time to adjust than Kevin Cadle at Kingston.

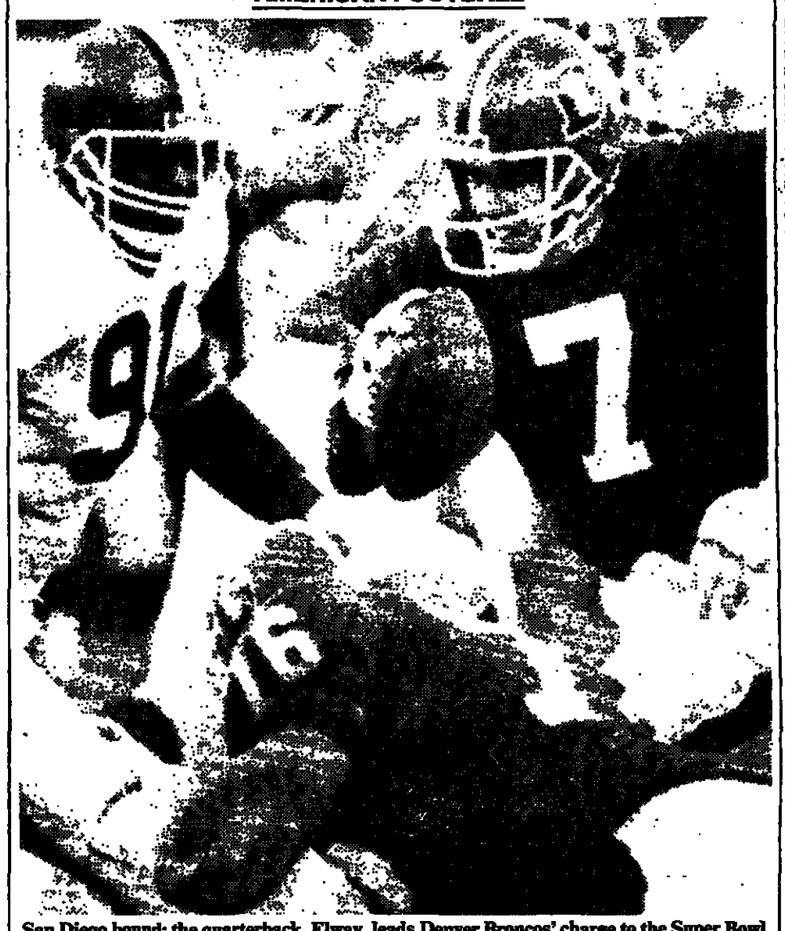
At least, Cadle's injury problems are improving, although Scott is definitely ruled out with an ankle sprain. Clark's infected elbow did not stop him contributing to the 123-86 Carlsberg League victory over Russell Foster Sunderland on Saturday, and neither was Bontrager's knee injury painful enough to restrict him unduly. Also in Kingston's favour is the fact that Stimpson is back in form.

All three of Kingston's rivals for the League title also won at the weekend, Manchester United twice. United, who will finish runners-up, albeit non-qualifiers from their Korac Cup quarter-final pool should they defeat Racing Clun de Paris by 10 points at Stretford tonight, disposed of Bolton, 85-83, and Oldham Celtics 103-91.

Portsmouth, the defending champions, retained the League leadership, winning 74-68 against Calderdale Explorers. MIM Livingston crushed Solent 99-62.

● The National Westminster Bank has signed a five-figure sponsorship deal with the basketball league to back the League Cup, which will be known as the NatWest Basketball Trophy. The agreement *covers the present season's competition*, which begins today and reaches its climax on March 30

AMERICAN FOOTBALL



San Diego bound: the quarterback, Elway, leads Denver Broncos' charge to the Super Bowl

Broncos leave it late again

Denver (Reuter) — The Denver Broncos thwarted a gallant second-half comeback by Cleveland Browns on Sunday to book their second successive Super Bowl appearance. Last year they were beaten by New York Giants; to go one better this time, they must overcome Washington Redskins, in San Diego, on January 31.

For Cleveland, lightning has struck twice. Their 38-33 defeat was their second consecutive heartbreaking loss to Denver in an American Football Conference championship, and once again their hopes of reaching their first Super Bowl were dashed in the closing stages. Last year Elway, the Denver quarterback, engineered a closing minutes 98-yard touchdown drive. The game went into overtime and Broncos ran out winners

On Sunday, Denver had dominated the first half and led 21-3, but Cleveland's fortunes took a dramatic turnaround to provide another exciting finale. With four minutes left, Elway threw a screen pass to Winder, who broke tackles, turned the corner and galloped 20 yards to give Denver a 38-31 lead, which proved decisive.

But Cleveland still never gave up hope, and Kosar, their quarterback, who guided the second-half comeback with three touchdowns in the third quarter, got to work and moved *his team down the field*.

Byner, who had already scored twice for the Browns, carried the ball towards the goalline and looked certain to level the score and send the game into overtime. The Denver defence, however, forced Byner to fumble on the two-yard line, and the Broncos recovered the ball and saved the game.

"I was really impressed, Kosar had us holding our breath," Denver's coach, Dan Reeves, said. "After the first half the Browns just kept coming and coming," Elway said, "but the defence hung in there."

The Redskins, meanwhile, will be making their fourth Super Bowl appearance following their 17-10 victory over Minesota Vikings in the American Football League championship final in Washington.

With the scored level at 10-10, and five minutes of play remaining, Williams, the Redskins quarterback, sowed the seeds of victory. He moved his team 70 yards forward and hit Clark, in the end zone, with a seven-yard touchdown pass to give his team the lead for the final time.

FOOTBALL

Match-winners with touch of magic

Reuter — European football rejoiced in the skills of match-winning individualism at the weekend with brilliant goals from Diego Maradona, Ruud Gullit and Emilio Butragueno.

Maradona's shot three minutes from time secured Napoli's 1-0 win at **Sampdoria** on Sunday.

The goal kept Napoli three points clear of AC Milan at the top and pushed Sampdoria back to fourth, but Milan, for whom the Dutchman, Gullit, scored once, thrashed Como 5-0 to take a firm hold on second place.

Spain's leading forward, Butragueno, returned from injury and scored a superb solo goal for **Real Madrid** against **Real Sociedad**. He struck a brilliant left-foot shot which flew into the net off a post.

The goal brought a 1-0 win for Madrid and lifted them five points clear of **Real Sociedad** and Atlético Madrid at the top. Atlético were hammered 5-1 at **Athletic Bilbao**.

In Portugal, Porto won at **Farense** 1-0 thanks to Rui Barros' long run and shot to stay unbeaten and four points clear at the top. **Benfica** beat the third-placed **Boavista** 2-0 to remain second.

PSV Eindhoven were held to a 2-2 draw by **Twente** when the Dutch League resumed after a four-week winter break.

In Greece, **Larissa**, who have never won the championship, lead at the halfway point of the season by two points from **PAOK Salonica**, with whom they drew on Sunday, and **OFI Crete**.

BOBSLEIGHING

Olympic hopefuls opt to defy injury risk

From Chris Moore, Cervinia, Italy

The powers that be in charge of the Foster's World Cup series will be wrestling with their consciences for the rest of the week following yesterday's decision that the show here must go on.

For it is not just the sledges that are getting bent. The rules have had to be tampered with as well. The four-man race has been reduced from four lauls to two, to give the crews an extra day's training on what has once again proved itself the most physically demanding track in the world.

To make conditions safer they are putting snow in the track, instead of taking it out, so that the sleds will go slower rather than faster. And although a minimum of five nations is normally required for a competing quorum, the withdrawal of the Canadians, who consider the track too dangerous for their less experienced drivers, means that there are only three countries left, including Britain.

Peter Hell, West German coach to the British Army team, is not alone in his opinion that racing this week represents too big an injury risk so near to the Olympic Games.

Nick Phipps sat out yesterday's practice session following a crash on Sunday, but despite his injuries, was last night still planning on riding today. If he does, that will boost the number of teams competing for World Cup points in Thursday's race to just six.

Whether the event should go ahead at all, with what must be the smallest field on record for a World Cup race, is open to debate, and inevitably the overriding topic of conversation *here*.

The central issue is whether or not a four-man sledge can get through the newly constructed grand labyrinth at full speed. The margin of error, at over 70 miles per hour, is miniscule, and anything other than the exact line of exit, as the sledge comes down on to the track off a wall of ice, is likely to result in it overturning.

Tom De La Hunty, the third driver in the Allied Steel British Olympic team, got through safely twice yesterday, and is confident of being up to the challenge But he admitted: "The real test will only come under race conditions. But that's the challenge of the sport. Getting down intact is what it's all about."

But if the track does come out the winner by Thursday, there *may not be enough* finishers to claim all the medals.

ICE SKATING

Only one winner worth her weight in gold

From John Hennessy, Prague

The modest performance of the British team in last week's European Figure Skating Championships at least allows us to throw aside chauvinistic considerations and take a more comprehensive look at the international scene.

Certainly, only Katarina Witt, of East Germany, can have left Prague yesterday fully satisfied. This may seem odd in the case of Natalya Bestemianova and Andrei Bukin, Soviet successors to Torvill and Dean in the world of ice dance, for they were awarded 10 marks of six, but the signs are that they were marked more on reputation than performance.

They were dedicated followers of Bestemianova and Bukin who tended to come round to the view, long held by others, that the Soviet couple are pulling the same tricks in different costumes and to the background of different music.

Where, one would ask, is the ingenuity and versatility that Torvill and Dean brought to bear in four memorable years.

The world pairs champions, Ekaterina Gordeyeva and Sergei Grinkov, similarly were not at their best, handicapped by a fall in November which may have left both short of physical condition and the fragile Miss Gordeyeva short of confidence.

Alexander Fadeyev, world champion three years ago, has since been succeeded first by Brian Boitano (United States) and then Brian Orser (Canada). Prague suggests that he seems unable to command the consistency of the two north Americans.

Witt, oozing charm and physical well-being, faces a formidable opponent in next month's Winter Olympics in Debi Thomas, the United States champion, who wrested the world title from her briefly in 1986. It is a fasinating aspect of their meeting that both have chosen to interpret Bizet's Carmen, so there could hardly be a truer means of comparison.

It is this event which carries most interest for Britain in the appearance of Joanne Conway, national champion since winning the title two seasons ago at the age of only 14. She suffered a severe setback in Prague with a disastrous free skating performance which dropped her from fifth place to tenth overall.

That, perhaps, will take some of the weight of overblown expectancy from her young shoulders in Calgary.

OVERSEAS RESULTS

LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Cork City 3, Sligo Rovers 1; Dundalk 2, Galway United 1; Shelbourne 0, Derry City 1; Bray Wanderers 0, Waterford United 0; Limerick City 0, Bohemians 2, Shamrock Rovers 0, St Patrick's Athletic 2. Leading positions: 1, Dundalk, played 20, 29pts; 2, St Patrick's, 20, 27; 3, Bohemians, 20, 26.

ITALIAN: Avellino 1, Internazionale 3; Cesena 1, Ascoli 0; Fiorentina 1, Juventus 1; AC Milan 5, Como 0; Pescara 0, Empoli 0; Sampdoria 0, Napoli 1; Torino 3, Pisa 1; Verona 0, Roma 1. Leading positions: 1, Napoli, played 15, 25pts; 2, AC Milan, 15, 22; 3, Roma, 15, 20.

SPANISH: Real Madrid 1, Real Sociedad 0; Las Palmas 2, Celta Vigo 0; Cadiz 1, Valladolid 0; Real Madrid 1, Real Sociedad 0; Cejon 1, Murcia 1; Osasuna 1, Betis 0; Las Palmas 2, Celta 0; Espanol 3, Mallorca 0; Valencia 2, Sabadell 1; Athletic Bilbao 5, Atletico Madrid 1, Zaragoza 1, Barcelona 1; Sevilla 2, Logrones 0. Leading positions: 1, Real Madrid, played 18, 30pts; 2, Real Sociedad, 18, 25; 3, Atletico Madrid, 18, 25.

GREEK: Larissa 1, PAOK Salonika 1; OFI Crete 1, Olympiakos 2; Heraklis 0, AEK Athens 0; Panathinaikos 4, Veria 0; Ethnikos 1, Panionios 0; Serres 1, Aris Salonika 0; Katamana 2, Levadiakos 0; Diagoras 4, Panatsaiu 0. Leading positions: 1, Larissa, played 15, 23pts; 2, PAOK Salonika, 15, 21; 3, OFI Crete, 15, 21.

DUTCH: PEC Zwolle 1, Feyenoord Rotterdam 1; PSV Eindhoven 2, Twente 2; AZ Alkmaar 1, Fortuna Sittard 1; Haarlem 1, Vvv Venlo 0; DS '79 1, Utrecht 2; Sparta 2, Den Haag 1; Roda JC 0, Ajax Amsterdam 3; Groningen 0, Volendam 1; Willem II 1, Den Bosch 0. Leading positions: 1, PSV Eindhoven, played 18, 35pts; 2, Ajax, 19, 28; 3, Feyenoord, 17, 25.

PORTUGUESE: Belenenses 2, Guimaraes 0; Benfica 2 Boavista 0; Academica 1, Varzim 0; Farense 0, Porto 1; Espanho 2, Covilha 0; Rio Ave 2, Setubal 2; Penafiel 0, Portimonense 0; Salgueiros 1, Maritimo 0, Chaves 1, Sporting 1, Braga 2 Elvas 2. Leading positions: 1, Porto, played 18, 29pts; 2, Benfica, 17, 25, 3, Boavista, 17, 22.

POOLS FORECAST by Paul Newman

Saturday January 23 unless stated

FIRST DIVISION

2 Charlton v Liverpool
1 Chelsea v Portsmouth
1 Coventry v Luton
X Derby v QPR
1 Everton v Wimbledon
1 Newcastle v Tottenham
2 Oxford v Sheffield W
1 Southampton v Norwich
X Watford v Nottingham F

Not on coupons: Arsenal v Manchester United (Sunday)

SECOND DIVISION

1 Barnsley v Bournemouth
2 Birmingham v Millwall
2 Huddersfield v Oldham
1 Hull v Swindon
1 Ipswich v Blackburn
2 Leicester v Stoke
2 Man C v Aston Villa
X Middlesbro v C Palace
1 Reading v Shrewsbury
X Sheffield U v Plymouth
2 WBA v Leeds

THIRD DIVISION

1 Blackpool v Doncaster
X Bristol C v Walsall
2 Chesterfield v Brentford
1 Fulham v Chester
2 Gillingham v Wigan
1 Grimsby v Bury
2 Mansfield v Sunderland
2 Rotherham v Brighton
2 York v Bristol R

Not on coupons: Aldershot v Notts County; Northampton v Preston (Friday); Southend v Port Vale (Friday)

FOURTH DIVISION

X Bolton v Scunthorpe
1 Carlisle v Exeter
1 Colchester v Hereford
1 Darlington v Cardiff
1 Leyton O v Stockport
2 Rochdale v Torquay
1 Swansea v Halifax
1 Wolves v Peterboro
1 Wrexham v Burnley

Not on coupons: Cambridge United v Hartlepool (Friday); Newport v Scarborough, Tranmere v Crewe (Friday)

VAUXHALL-OPEL LGE PREMIER DIVISION

1 Croydon v Basingstoke
2 Kingstonian v Bromley
P St Albans v Slough

SCOTTISH PREMIER

1 Dundee v St Mirren
2 Dunfermline v Celtic
1 Hearts v Dundee U
2 Morton v Hibernian
2 Motherwell v Aberdeen
1 Rangers v Falkirk

SCOTTISH FIRST

1 Clyde v East Fife
2 Dumbarton v Kilmarnock
1 Forfar v Clydebank
1 Meadowbank v Partick
X Q of Sth v Airdrie
X Raith v Hamilton

SCOTTISH SECOND

X Albion v Brechin
2 Alloa v St Johnstone
1 Ayr v Stenhousemuir
2 Berwick v Stirling
X E Stirling v Arbroath

Not on coupons: Montrose v Stranraer; Queen's Park v Cowdenbeath

TREBLE CHANCE (home teams): Derby, Watford, Middlesbrough, Sheffield United, Bristol City, Bolton, Queen of the South, Raith, Albion, East Stirling Next best: Coventry, York.
BEST DRAWS: Derby, Watford, Middlesbrough, Bristol City, Bolton.
AWAYS: Sheffield Wednesday, Stoke, Brentford, Sunderland, Celtic.

HOMES: Everton, Southampton, Barnsley, Reading, Blackpool, Colchester, Leyton Orient, Wolves, Hearts, Rangers, Meadowbank, Ayr.

FIXED ODDS: Homes: Everton, Southampton, Barnsley, Leyton Orient, Rangers. Aways: Stoke, Brentford, Celtic. Draws: Watford, Bristol City, Bolton.

MOTOR SPORT

Formula for the future of Ford

By John Blunsden

"We should be able to wi[n] or three Grands Pri[x] season," Michael Kranefu[ss] director of Ford's motor[sport] operations world-wide, [pre]dicted at a meeting of [the] company's London [board] quarters last week.

Kranefuss had flown [from] Detroit to inspect prog[ress] with the latest Ford [3.5] litre V8 engine, which [is] run on the Cosworth [En]ging dynameter in North[amp]ton and with the Benetton [B]new Rory Byrne-desig[ned] mula One chassis now [in] shape at the team's [base] Witney, Oxfordshire.

It is hoped that car and [engine] will be brought together [for the] for pre-season tests [in] next month on the Jerez [circuit] in the United States.

Last season Ford entered [into] a three-year agreement [with] Benetton under which [Benetton] would gain exclusive use [of the] latest Ford Formula One [engine]. In 1987 this was the [1.5-litre] turbo, *which just failed* to [give] Ford back on the victory [rostrum] and has now been scrapped [so that] as Ford and Cosworth can [concentrate] centrate whole-heartedly on [the] litre normally-aspirated [engine] in three distinct guises.

The DFZ, a larger version of the famous 3-litre DFV which year powered Jonathan Palmer and his Tyrrell to victory in the 3.5-litre class of the world championship. This engine, undergoing further development by Brian Hart, whose engineering company in Harlow, Essex, has been taken under the Cosworth wing.

The DFR which Benetton will use this year, but which will become available to other teams in 1989 when all cars must run with normally-aspirated engines, features special cylinder heads with five valves per cylinder and is expected to develop over 600 brake horse power.

The third Ford engine, for 1989, which will again be exclusive to Benetton in its first season, will be an entirely new design.

The premature retirement of the Ford turbo, which could have had a final racing season this year, had nothing to do with lack of performance. "By the end of last year we were running with 1,000 bhp in qualifying and 900 bhp in race trim, which was probably as much as anyone had available," Kranefuss said. "But we still had some work to do on the consumption and on the *engine management side* and with so little time left in which to enjoy the benefits of this we decided that we should look further ahead and apply ourselves whole-heartedly to the formula of the future."

Ford's long-term commitment to Formula One has been underlined by top management approval of a five-year world motor sport plan which was submitted by Kranefuss in Detroit last year and runs until the end of 1991. "It involves us in a wide spread of activities within the United States, but Formula One will continue to be the spearhead of our international thrust because we have proved that it *is* a cost-effective exercise for us.

"The changes in Formula One regulations should now lead to a much needed period of stability during which we foresee a demand for engines on two levels. We aim to put the DFR on general sale next year, then in 1990 to make available the newer engine which is still on the drawing board."

Through its Formula One connections Ford are obtaining considerable manufacturing and *engineering benefits from* their investment as well as the inevitable promotional opportunities. For example, Cosworth are responsible for meeting the engine requirements for the new four-door Sierra RS saloon, and are currently working with Ford on the development of high *performance derivatives* of other production engines.

Similarly, Benetton's Byrne has been discussing with Ford's leading engineers in the United States potential mainstream applications for some of the advanced materials and processes used by the Formula One team.

Two million mark passed

The public attendance at World Championship Formula One races passed the two million mark for the first time in 1987 (John Blunsden writes). The annual survey carried out by the Goodyear Tyre and Rubber Company reveals that last year the total attendance for the 16 qualifying races was 2,359,000, a 24 per cent increase over the 1,896,000 recorded in 1986. This means that the average attendance for a Grand Prix meeting, including practice and qualifying days, increased from 118,500 to 147,469 last year.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Wigan's faith in Edwards

Shaun Edwards, the Great Britain half back, has been appointed club captain of Wigan at the age of 21. Edwards, who signed for Wigan as a 17-year-old schoolboy, takes over the club captaincy from the New Zealand forward, Graeme West, and the on-field captaincy from another international in Ellery Hanley (Keith Macklin writes).

Edwards will be one of youngest captains in the history of the game. The Wigan chairman, Maurice Lindsay, said: "Shaun is mature beyond his years, and has the ability and vision to dictate and control play."

FOOTBALL

Harford returns for Luton with an extra commitment

Mick Harford, the Luton Town forward, who turned down the chance of a £1 million transfer to West Ham United earlier this season, will sign a three-year contract with the club before tonight's Littlewoods Cup quarter-final at home to Bradford City.

The deal will make Harford, who is 29 next month, the highest paid player in the club's history. Although Harford, an England B forward who has been linked with several top clubs, is committing himself to Luton and is moving into a new house in the area, he has been assured *him that should* any clubcome forward with a £1 million offer he will be allowed to leave if he wants.

Allinson, who would have *stood down* in any case because he is cup-tied, makes way for Harford's return from suspension tonight.

Luton have promised a friendly welcome to Bradford City supporters. The hosts ban away supporters from first division matches but with more than 2,000 tickets already sold in *Bradford, the* Yorkshire club will be the first to have an appreciable following at Kenilworth Road for 18 months.

Minor ground alterations have been made to accommodate them on a standing terrace and there will be another 1,000 in seats in the main stand.

Oliver, the Bradford central defender, is his team's only doubt. An ever-present this season, *Oliver* went off injured at half-time in Saturday's League game at Swindon, which was eventually abandoned in the second half because of fog.

He will have a last-minute fitness test on his ankle complaint, and if he is ruled out, the second division side are likely to dispense with their normal sweeper system and just have Evans and Sinnott as the main two centre backs.

Like Luton, Bradford will be aiming for their first-ever semi-final in this competition.

Six Sheffield Wednesday players are battling to overcome injuries for the visit of Arsenal in tomorrow's *quarter-final at Hillsborough*, although all of them Sterland, Marwood, Megson, Chapman, Owen and Madden are expected to be fit.

Sterland was in hospital at the weekend after suffering a shoulder injury in Wednesday's 3-0 win against Chelsea but has suffered only severe bruising.

Ratcliffe, the Everton captain, will miss the home tie against Manchester City tomorrow after failing to recover from a groin injury. Ratcliffe spent three days in a nursing home after sustaining the injury in an FA Cup tie against Sheffield Wednesday and has missed the last two games.

Clarke is expected to see Colin Harvey, the Everton manager, today to discuss his long term future with the Football League champions. Clarke is known to be considering a transfer request after failing to establish himself as a first team regular.

● Mark Lawrenson, Liverpool's Republic of Ireland international defender, will undergo a precautionary scan on his damaged Achilles *tendon on Thursday.*

Bassett out to end city slicker image

Dave Bassett yesterday announced his desire to move away from the south of England after parting company with Watford last week and applying for the managerial post at Sheffield United, the struggling second division club.

"*Whatever job I now take I* think it will be outside London. Stories which suggest that I am reluctant to go North are nonsense. I think it is possibly time to leave London where I may have suffered from having too much of a high profile," he said.

Although United have received more than 60 applications for a job likely to be allocated next week, Bassett is believed to have been placed on a short list of three. His two main rivals are thought to be Ken Brown, the former Norwich City manager, and Keith Burkinshaw, the former Tottenham Hotspur manager who is now in charge at Sporting Lisbon in Portugal.

Bassett watched United at Bournemouth at the weekend, and said: "I was visiting friends on the South Coast and it was, just too good an opportunity to miss. It is now up to the Sheffield directors to decide. United are a big club and it is a fine job if you can get it right."

● Police dogs trained to sniff out explosives were used to search a building in Norwich before the start of the first division club's extraordinary general meeting last night when rebel shareholders planned to call for a vote of "no confidence" in Robert Chase, the chairman, and his board.

● Carlton Fairweather, the Wimbledon forward and scorer of five goals, will be out for the rest of the season after fracturing his leg against Watford.

● Howard King, the Welsh referee who was given a 14-month ban for failing to reply to correspondence about an assessment scheme, has withdrawn his court case against the Welsh FA. The Merthyr Tydfil official can still officiate in the English League, but not in Europe.

● Ted Croker, the FA secretary, yesterday revealed record receipts of more than £2 million for the Charity Shield match between Everton, the League champions, and Coventry City, the FA Cup holders, at Wembley in August. St John's Ambulance Brigade have received £30,000 in their centenary year from the fund.

FA Vase draw

FIFTH ROUND: Gresley v Bridgnorth or Ilkley; Thackley or Durham City v Tamworth; Atherstone United v Calne Dynamoes; North Ferriby v Frickley Celtic or Hatfield Main; Clevedon v Corinthian; Chertsey v Falmouth; Bashley v Hounslow; Sudbury v Braintree. Matches to be played on Saturday February 6.

Charlton may join the elite

By Ian Ross

Bobby Charlton, the 106 times capped former international, has indicated that he will put himself up for election to the Football League management committee during the summer.

Charlton, now a director at Manchester United, the club he served as a player for over 20 years, has recently been critical of the committee over the way they handled Robert Maxwell's attempted takeover at Watford Football Club. "In some respects I have been critical of them so I think that I should be ready to put myself up for election," he said.

If Charlton, the highly respected member of the England World Cup winning side of 1966, is voted on to the committee he will immediately advocate the appointment of a Football League "supremo."

"I am in favour of more full-time, paid people within the game headed, by a top man like *a League Commissioner*," Charlton said.

"I am certainly not describing the present League management committee as amateurs. They are very able people, but they do have businesses to run and sometimes find they can give football precious little time" he added.

TENNIS: BATES AND EVERNDEN ON COLLISION COURSE IN AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS



At full stretch: Pam Shriver on her way to defeat as her agility is tested beyond its capacity by Anne Minter (Photograph: Tommy Hindley)

Minter brings Shriver's run to an end

From Rex Bellamy
Tennis Correspondent
Melbourne

Pam Shriver, who had won 13 consecutive singles matches, was beaten 6-2, 6-4 by Anne Minter, of Melbourne, in the Australian championships yesterday. During the press conferences Minter received an award - nothing to do with yesterday's win - and Shriver's popularity was diminished.

Australia's tennis writers gave Minter an elegant scroll in *recognition of her* performances, her sportsmanship and her cooperation with the media. Shriver talked at length about the strained groin muscle that has recently inhibited her freedom of movement.

She gave Minter credit for taking advantage of that but, even so, was guilty of "whingeing" which is almost a cardinal sin among the "Oz" sporting community. Shriver was frank and reasonable, as usual, but was unwise - in Australia of all places - to say anything depreciating her opponent's achievement.

Minter summed up the Australian attitude with the terse, unvarnished comment: "If she's out there playing, she's fit." We could debate this delicate subject for hours. My own view is that the Australians are right. No excuses. No whingeing.

Shriver, who led 4-2 *in the* second set, had a low percentage with first services and did not even break even when she went to the net. Minter was accurate on both flanks, varied her game *sensibly, and tested Shriver's* agility beyond its capacity. Minter played a neatly composed match. Incidentally, she also makes all the right noises with the flute and piano.

Claudia Kohde-Kilsch, who is prone to self-doubt, was twice thus afflicted before beating a sturdy Czechoslovak, Radka Zrubakova, aged 17. Steffi Graf lost only 11 points in taking the first eight games from Catarina Lindqvist. In the first set Lindqvist was on target with only 29 per cent of her first services and had no sort of timing.

The result was 6-0, 7-5 because Lindqvist played an admirable second set. Later she said of Graf: "Everything is so fast. Other players take their time more. She hits the ball early, nobody else hits it so hard, and her ground strokes are so solid."

Hana Mandlikova, who beat Lori McNeil, is the reigning champion and recently became an Australian citizen. She has a family in Czechoslovakia, a home in Sydney, represents a club in Queensland, and has a 42 ft yacht in the Netherlands ("I go on my boat if I want to be alone"). She must be very restless.

The women's quarter-finals will be Graf v Mandlikova, Minter v Kohde-Kilsch, Claudia Porwik v Chris Evert, Helena Sukova v Martina Navratilova. Graf, Kohde-Kilsch and Porwik *all represent Germany*, holders of the world team championship.

Similarly, the men's team champions, Sweden, have three players left: Stefan Edberg (the holder), Mats Wilander (his predecessor as champion here), and Anders Jarryd. The pairings are Ivan Lendl v Todd Witsken, Pat Cash v Michiel Schapers, Jarryd v Wilander, and Andrei Chesnokov v Edberg.

Jarryd had a strenuous, anxious exchange of ground strokes yesterday with the nimble and unflinchingly tough John Frawley, whose brother, Rod, reached the Wimbledon semi-finals in 1981.

The rugged-looking Frawley could be pictured in the boxing ring or the front row of a scrum. Jarryd took four hours and eight minutes to beat him 3-6, 6-1, 6-7, 7-6, 6-2. The more experienced Jarryd just had the edge in physical and mental resilience.

Chesnokov, a Russian, is the first Soviet citizen to advance to the last eight since Alex Metreveli, a Georgian, who *reached the 1972 semi-finals* and a 1973 and 1975 quarter-finals.

In the doubles Andrew Castle, of Britain, and the Argentine-born Roberto Saad, who first got to know each other at Wichita State University, saved nine match points before beating David Lewis (New Zealand), brother of the 1983 Wimbledon runner-up, and Ivo Werner of Germany.

That put Castle and Saad in the quarter-finals, which feature a potentially blood-curdling match between Jeremy Bates (Britain) and Peter Lundgren and Kelly Evernden and Johan Kriek.

Last week Bates beat Evernden in singles and accused him of being arrogant, whereupon Evernden suggested that Bates was a wimp (which is not listed in my travelling dictionary)

What fim they should have together. I do hope that Lundgren and Kriek keep out of the way - and that nothing incurable happens to Bates and Evernden.

MEN: Singles: Fourth round: A Chesnokov (USSR) bt C-U Steeb (WG), 6-1, 6-4, 6-2; M Wilander (Swe) bt C Saceanu (WG), 6-2, 6-4, 6-3; S Edberg (Swe) bt J Stoltenberg (Aus), 6-3, 6-3, 6-4; A Jarryd (Swe) bt J Frawley (Aus), 3-6, 6-1, 6-7, 7-6, 6-2. Doubles: Third round: A Castle (GB) and R Saad (US) bt D Lewis (NZ) and I Werner (WG), 5-7, 6-4, 16-14; J B Svensson and M Tideman (Swe) bt P Annacone (US) and C van Rensburg (SA), 6-4, 6-3; M Davis (US) and B Drewett (Aus) bt T Wilkison and T Witsken (US), 4-6, 6-4, 6-3; G Connell and G Michibata (Can) bt R Schmidt and T Stagel (US), 6-3, 6-3.
WOMEN: Singles: Fourth round: A Minter (Aus) bt P Shriver (US), 6-2, 6-4; H Mandlikova (Aus) bt L McNeil (US), 6-2, 6-4; C Kohde-Kilsch (WG) bt R Zrubakova (Cz), 3-6, 6-0, 6-3; S Graf (WG) bt C Lindqvist (Swe), 6-0, 7-5. Doubles: Third round: M Lindstrom (Swe) and A Scott (Aus) bt *J Gooding and W Wood (US)*, 6-3, 6-0; Z Garrison and B Potter (US) bt A Henrikksson (US) and C Jolissaint (Switz), 7-6, 6-1; M Nawratilova and P Shriver (US) bt C Suire and C Tanvier (Fr), 6-3, 7-5; C Evert (US) and W Turnbull (Aus) bt K Adams and P Barg (US), 6-1, 6-1.
MIXED DOUBLES: Second round: J Fitzgerald and Mrs E Smylie (Aus) bt T Woodbridge and R McQuillan (Aus), 6-4, 6-2; J Pugh (US) and Miss J Novotna (Cz) bt J Potter and Miss C Tanvier (Fr), 7-6, 6-4; D MacPherson and Miss J Thompson (Aus) bt M Schapers (Neth) and Miss A Henrickssson (US), 5-7, 6-3, 6-4; M Davis (US) and Miss M van der Torre (Neth) bt D Cahill and Miss N Provis (Aus), 7-5, 7-5; T Nijssen and Miss C Beiklum (Neth) bt K Evernden and Miss J Richardson (NZ), 6-4, 2-6, 6-3; B Drewett and Miss L Field (Aus) bt K Jones and Miss P Barg (US), 6-3, 6-7, scr.

GOLF

WPGA to become independent body

By Patricia Davies

The members of the Women's Professional Golf Association (WPGA) have voted overwhelmingly to become an independent body and leave the comforting confines of the Professional Golfers' Association (PGA).

Only eight players voted to maintain the status quo, while 109 said it was time for change and supported their committee's recommendation to go their own way.

Announcing the decision in London yesterday, Maxine Burton, *chairman of the* WPGA, said, "The WPGA is on firmer ground than ever before, largely thanks to the PGA but as a division of that association we were always likely to suffer from a *conflict of interest*. As an independent body we will be able to appoint our own executive director and have control of our money. The committee have taken the best legal and *financial advice and we have* faith in what we are doing."

The PGA will ratify the split at a special general meeting at the Belfry on March 29 and have agreed to provide the WPGA with an office and administrative assistance until the end of the year.

Alan May, general secretary of the WPGA, will mind the shop until an executive director is found. That is an appointment of some importance and urgency. Beverly Huke, vice-chair*man of the association, said:* "We are looking for a bit of a super person, really. Someone who is commercially orientated, knows about running golf events, who can promote us and *negotiate with sponsors but who* also has sound administrative skills."

This paragon — the energetic Rachel Heyhoe-Flint has apparently expressed an interest — will be expected to operate on a salary of no less than £30,000 a year, will be taking charge of a tour worth £1.6million this year and covering 29 tournaments.

The WPGA stresses that all current contracts, which have been signed by the PGA on the women's behalf, will be honoured

Performance points

Amateur golfers, even those who are not members of clubs, will have a chance to become a national champion in a new competition launched yesterday by British Telecom Mobile Communications.

The United Kingdom Stableford championship will be open to any amateur over 18, man or woman, who will be able to submit signed score cards for rounds between March 1 and July 15 to qualify for regional and national finals.

The tournament director, Barry Edwards, who agreed that there might be difficulty spotting "bandits" pointed out that the prizes were modest, with a week's holiday in Portugal as the major award.

HOCKEY

Top player award for Taylor

By Sydney Friskin

While England's seniors had little success at The Hague, England B won the Midshires international indoor tournament at Birmingham after defeating England under-21 4-2 in the final on Sunday.

The England under-21 team were short of experience whereas *England B with a fair* proportion of experienced hands were short of match practice, which came out well in the end.

Donnelly (2) and John Roberts from two penalty strokes scored for England B, who led 2-1 at half-time. Jagdish Barber scored both goals for England under-21.

Steve Taylor, who for private reasons was unable to go to The Hague to keep goal, was voted the player of the tournament at Birmingham. The England under-21 goalkeeper, Andrew Foreshaw, was at his best in the 4-4 draw with the French under-21 side, saving a penalty stroke in the last six seconds.

RESULTS: England Under-21 2, England B 2; France Under-21 3, Wales Under-21 4; England B 9, France Under-21 3; Wales Under-21 4, England Under-21 7; Wales Under-21 1, England B 11; England Under-21 4, France Under-21 4. Semi-finals: England Under-21 9, Harborne 7; England B 7, St Albans 2. Final: England B 4, England Under-21 2.

● Several leading England, Scottish and Welsh indoor players will be in action in the three-day Lada British Cities championship, starting on Friday at Alexandra Palace where the event is to be played on a portable Taraflex floor purchased by the Hockey Association.

SKIING

Oertli fulfils her lifetime ambition

From Iain Macleod, Saas Fee, Switzerland

The mild, unseasonal weather may have forced the World Cup off the beaten track, but it certainly has not quenched the Swiss thirst for success.

Brigitte Oertli, whose previous three World Cup successes had been restricted to the combination event, yesterday won the women's fourth slalom of the season to fulfill a lifetime's ambition.

Oertli completed the two runs on the Plattjen Piste, which had a drop of 150 metres, in a combined time of 1min *26.57sec, 0.37 seconds ahead of* another Swiss, Vreni Schneider.

Oertli, who finished third on both legs, said: "I knew I had made several mistakes on the second round and I really didn't think *I* was going to win. But *I* proved to all those people who thought I would be forever the eternal second that I really can win a slalom."

Patricia Chauvet of France, second in the third slalom at Piancavallo, led after the first run, but was 1.17 seconds slower than Oertli on the second run where she was tenth. She still managed to finish third overall, however.

The icy conditions on the crest of the hill close to the finish line were especially precarious and Svet (Yugoslavia), Kinshofer-Guetlein (West Germany) and Nilsson (Sweden) all came to grief

Blanca Fernandez-Ochoa of Spain, first yesterday, heads the slalom standings with 56 points, with Ida Ladstattar of Austria second on 51. Oertli however, has now moved into third place in the overall standards, but there is no change at the top, where Michela Figini, of Switzerland, still enjoys a healthy 39 points lead

RESULTS: 1, B Oertli (Switz) 1 min 26.57 sec; 2, V Schneider (Switz) 1:28.80; 3, P Chauvet (Fr) 1:26.81; 4, C Schmidhauser (Switz) 1:26.99; 5, D Mogore Tlalka (Fr) 1:27.23; 6, B Fernandez Ochoa (Sp) 1:27.24; 7, R Steiner (Austria) 1:27.88; 8 P *Magoni Sorza (It) 1:28.34; 9, U Maier* (Austria) 1:28.46; 10, C von Grueningen (Switz) 1:28.58; 11, K Buder (Austria) 1:28.63; 12, I Ladstaetter (Austria) 1:28.67; 13, A Wachter (Austria) 1:28.78; 14, C Strobi (Austria) 1:28.27; 15, J Lacasse (Can) 1:29.99. Overall: 1, F Ochoa (Sp), 56 points; 2, Ladstaetter, 51; 3, *Chauvet, 48*; 4, Schmidhauser, 44; 5, Steiner, 42; 6, C Nilsson (Swe), 38; =8, K Gustlein (Switz) and Oertli, 37; 9, Wachter, 36; =10, Schneider and Maier, 35; =12, Svet and D Mogore Tlalka (Fr), 20; =14, M Rust (Austria) and Buder. Nation's Cup standings: 1, Switzerland, 1,226 pts; 2, Austria, 1,135; 3, W Germany, 495; 4, Italy, 424; 5, France, 327; 6, Canada, 218; 7, Sweden, 172; 8, Yugoslavia, 170; 9, Spain, 111; 10, US, 74.

MOTOR RALLYING

Salonen threat to Lancias

Monte Carlo (Reuter) — The French drivers, Bruno Saby and Yves Loubet, both in Lancia Deltas, tussled for the lead in the 56th Monte Carlo rally yesterday in the absence of the world's leading names.

The Finns, Vatanen and Kankkunen, the world champion, are both taking part in the Paris to Dakar event while Sunday's first day of timed stages brought the abandonment of last year's winner, Biasion, of Italy, the Finn, Mikkola, and Carlsson, of Sweden.

Loubet, trailing by almost one minute overnight, clawed back to within 16 seconds of Saby by the end of the six timed stages on the first day of the Common Run. Saby retained the overall lead, despite finishing fourth in the second stage behind Loubet, another Lancia driver, Fiorio, and Salonen, who was making a recovery to 29th overall.

The Finn, the sole survivor of Mazda's team of top drivers, started the day in 49th position after receiving a 10-minute penalty on Sunday.

In the first timed stage yesterday he finished fifth, but the bad luck that has dogged Mazda struck again in the second stage when he was slowed by transmission problems.

Mazda officials were probing an error in which 1,800 litres of petrol ordered from West Germany had been found to contain 18 litres of diesel fuel,causing Mikkola's abandonment and slowing both Carlsson and Salonen.

LEADING POSITIONS: 1, B Saby/J-F Fauchille (Fr), Lancia Delta, 2hr 50min 36sec; 2, Y Loubet/J-B Vieu (Fr), Lancia Delta, at 16sec; 3, A Fiorio/L Pirollo (It), Lancia Delta, at 1min 10sec; 4, J-P Ballet/M-C Lelievent (Fr), Peugeot 205, at 15:16; 5, B Bates/E Lalne (Fr), Lancia Delta, at 17:12.

SQUASH RACKETS

Irving's final ambition jeopardized

By Colin McQuillan

Liz Irving, the Australian second seed in the Blue Stratos British under-23 Open Squash championships, is determined to start her 1988 European tour with a win at Lambs Club, London, to justify her senior ranking of fourth in the world. However, by Friday, she may be limping into her scheduled final place.

After her first-round win over Linda Charman on Sunday, a sneak thief made off with one of Irving's shoes, leaving her with only one half of the specially-modelled (Aus $170) "orthotics" inners on which she depends for knee stability.

In Sunday's first round, Lucy Soutter, of England, defending the title, created a new record for the shortest first-class squash win, beating Hugolein Van Hoorn, of The Netherlands, 9-0, 9-0, 9-0, in seven minutes and 32 seconds, and yesterday she defeated Singapore's Seok Hu Lim 9-3, 9-0, 9-0.

In the men's competition, Del *Harris is drawing* most attention in his attempt to complete the third leg of an ambitious four-part junior Grand Slam. And the top seed, Zarak Jahan, of Pakistan, dropped the second game to love in his victory over Jonathan Lilley, of Yorkshire.

RESULTS: Men: Third round: Z Jahan (Pakistan) bt J Lilley (Yorkshire), 9-2, 0-9, 9-5, 9-5; M Cairns (Oxfordshire) bt S Meads (Berkshire), 9-5, 9-0, 9-5; J Nicholls (Hampshire bt G Bollington (Wiltshire), 9-3, 9-3, 10-8. Women: second round: L Soutter (Gloucestershire) bt S H Lim (Singapore), 9-3, 9-0, 9-0; S Brady (Aus) bt S Macile (Surrey), 7-9, 9-3, 9-5, 9-7, M Martin (Australia) bt S Langley-Foster (Northamptonshire), 7-9, 9-3, 9-2, 9-5, D *Vardy (Nottinghamshire)* bt C Jackman (Norfolk), 9-1, 9-2, 2-9, 9-5.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

RYDER: Scottish women's 4,000 metres cross-country: 1, Y Murray (EAC) 14min 39sec; 2, C Price (Dundee Hawkhill), 14.56. 3, A Jenkins (Edinburgh Woollen Mill), 15.05.
HOUSTON: Houston Marathon: Winners: Men: G Kvammo (Nor), 2hr 11min 44sec. Women: *L Zeman (US)*, 2:34:52. British placing: 8, A Pain, 2:38:21.

BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG NATIONAL LEAGUE: Oldham Celtics 91 (Lewis 27, Butler 22), Manchester United 103 (Dolan 33, Fogarty 19).
SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Men: Magnum 83, Cumnock 126; Portland 81, Dundee 58; Glenrothes 73, Brewlea 65; Barr Electric 66, Inverclyde 62. Women: Palmer Motors 50, Dundee 54; Boilermine 45, Wildcats 87.
UNITED STATES: National Association: (NBA) Milwaukee Bucks 111, Cleveland Cavaliers 93; Washington Bullets 130, Sacramento Kings 113.

BILLIARDS

MIDDLESBROUGH: Stephen Lee professional championship: First round (best of seven games): 150 up: I Williamson bt E Hughes, 4-0 (151-12, 152-11, 151-33); D Causley (Eng) bt C Everton (Wal), 4-1 (151-63, 152-99, 151-51, 73-150, 150-37); R Close (Eng) bt R Edmonds (Eng), 4-3 (94-151, 150-53, 140-150, 92-132, 152-82, 151-53, 124-100); F Davis bt G Cripsey, 4-0 (151-42, 150-13, 151-108, 150-36).

HANDBALL

BRITISH LEAGUE: Men: Liverpool 28, Strathclyde University 9; Kirkby Select 28, Trent '77 26; Manchester United 33, Wakefield 21; Strathclyde University 21, Birkenhead 22; Leicester '78 15, Milton Keynes 15; Great Lever 30, Olympia Cannock 12. Women: Stafford Olympia 24, Droitwich Wasps 6.
MIDLAND LEAGUE: Men: Gemini Tornadoes 47, Warwick Jaguars 10.

CRICKET

SHEFFIELD SHIELD: Devonport, Tasmania: Tasmania 111 (S George six for 51) and 282 (M Taylor 168, P Faulkner 57; J Pyke five for 78); South Australia 465 for nine dec (D Hookes 132, W Phillips 85; E Harris four for 57, D Lilee four for 99). South Australia won by an innings and 70 runs. Perth: Queensland 303 (G Rachel 76, I Botham 70; P Capes four for 87, T Alderman four for 87) and 238 (I Botham 59; K Mackley five for 69); Western Australia 348 (W Andrews 88, B Wood 61; C Rackemann four for 55) and 194 for seven (J Brayshaw 60 not out; C Rackemann four for 56). Western Australia won by three wickets. Standings: 1, Queensland, played 7, 30pts; 2, Western Australia, 7, 22; 3, New South Wales, 6, 12; 4, Victoria, 6, 10; 5, South Australia, 5, 8; 6, Tasmania, 5, 0.

WESTERN NATIONAL INDOOR CRICKET LEAGUE: Northern zone: Manchester bt Rochdale by 23 runs; Sheffield bt Hull, 19; Derby bt Stockport, 12. Leading Standings: 1, Manchester, played 8, 44pts; 2, Rochdale, 8, 42; Midlands zone: Cradley Heath bt Peterborough, 22; Nottingham lost to Wolverhampton, 42. Walsall bt Wellingborough, 66. Leadings standings: Walsall, 6, 37; 2, Wellingborough, 6, 33. Southern zone: Ipswich lost to Evesham, 1; Totton lost to Hounslow, 104; Docklands lost to Dartford, 68. Leading standings: 1, Hounslow, 6, 45; 2, Ipswich, 6, 42, Webster's Tankard: Warrington bt Liverpool, 63; Nottingham North bt Leeds, 34. Leicester bt Solihull, 71; Tottenham bt Canterbury, 122. Leading standings: 1, Canterbury, 7, 27; 2, Nottingham North, 4, 15.

CYCLING

STUTTGART: Six-day race: Leading standings (after 3 days): 1, R Guenther and V Dietz (WG), 77pts; 2, D Thurau (WG) and R Hansemann (Lich), 65; 3, D Clark (Aus) and A Doyle (GB), 48; One lap behind: 4, F Moser and P Bincoletto (It), 73; 5, S Tourne and E de Wilde (Bel), 42; 6, J Kristen and H-H Oersted (Den), 16.

ICE HOCKEY

NORTH AMERICA: National League (NHL): Buffalo Sabres 6, New York Islanders 2; Vancouver Canucks 5, Winnipeg Jets 3; Philadelphia Flyers 2, New York Rangers 1; Chicago Black Hawks 5, Washington Capitals 4.

Wales Conference

Patrick Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia F	23	17	6	52	158	162
NY Islanders	22	17	5	49	177	158
NJ Devils	21	20	5	47	158	167
Wash'ton Caps	21	21	5	47	160	149
Pitts' Penguins	17	20	9	43	176	184
NY Rangers	17	24	5	39	180	180

Adams Division

Boston Bruins	27	16	5	59	178	150
Montreal Cana	24	12	10	58	169	142
Buffalo Sabres	20	19	7	47	149	176
Hartford Whale	17	20	7	41	132	144
Quebec Nords	19	21	2	40	159	156

Campbell Conference

Norris Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit RWs	22	17	5	49	177	148
St Louis Blues	18	22	5	41	148	159
Chicago BHs	19	24	3	41	185	188
Minnesota NS	14	25	8	36	154	199
Toronto MLs	14	24	7	35	166	196

Smythe Division

Edmonton Oils	27	13	8	60	208	151
Calgary Flames	27	13	5	59	222	164
Winnipeg Jets	18	20	9	45	180	177
Van' Canucks	18	24	7	43	180	172
LA Kings	14	28	5	33	172	229

RUGBY UNION

NORTH MIDLANDS CUP: Quarter-finals: Camp Hill 6, Bromsgrove 10; Dudley-Kingswinford 8, Whitchurch 0; Hereford 30, Erdington 15; Stourbridge 17, Worcester 3.
WARWICKSHIRE CUP: Quarter-finals: Coventry Sphinx 9, Solihull OB 21; Rugby 17, Coventry Welsh 7; Solihull 30, Manor Park 0; Stratford-upon-Avon 7, Bedworth 14.

FOOTBALL

BANGKOK: King's Cup: First round: Swarovski Tirol (Austria) 3, China 2; Indonesia 3, Oman 0.

GOLF

WORLD RANKINGS: 1, G Norman (Aus), 1,213 pts; 2, S Ballesteros (Sp), 1,168; 3, B Langer (WG), 1,072; 4, C Strange (US), 921; 5, S Lyle (Scot), 879; 6, I Woosnam (Wal), 858; 7, P Stewart (US), 733; 8, L Wadkins (US), 672; 9, M McNulty (Zimb), 667; 10, B Crenshaw (US), 654.

RUGBY FIVES

BLOXHAM SCHOOL: Old Bedfordians Club (S V Bevan, J R Bartle, C D Stewart and M C Chesley) bt Blexham (M Peers, L Collier, W Dooley and S Johnson), 164-37.

SQUASH RACKETS

GRANTHAM: Open championship: Finals: Simon T Wellington (SA) bt P Millington (Derby), 9-5, 9-1, 9-3. Women: M Warren-Rawlins (Sussex) bt G Tunney (Notts), 10-8, 9-5, 9-3.

TABLE TENNIS

CLEVELAND: Euro-Asia tournament: Men: Quarter-finals: Yoo Nam Kyu (S Kor) bt A Maguzov (USSR), 8-21, 21-15, 22-20; Teng Yi (China) bt J Persson (Swe), 21-10, 21-14; Li Sun Sang (N Kor) bt Y Kemper (Hun), 21-16, 17-21, 21-15; J-O Waldner (Swe) bt Kim Song Hui (N Kor), 21-18, 17-21, 23-21. Semi-finals: Yoo bt Li, 22-20, 21-17; Waldner bt Teng, 21-19, 21-18. Final: Waldner bt Yoo, 21-18, 17-21, 21-9. Women: Finals: Li Eun Hui (N Kor) bt Dai Lili (China), 21-15, 21-17.

TENNIS

MIDDLESBROUGH: Pro-Kennex national championship: Final: Men: D Ison (Lancs) bt M Robinson (Lancs), 6-2, 6-4. Women: S Reeves (Kent) bt M Loughton (Yorks), 6-1, 6-2.

ATHLETICS

Cram on invited list

Steve Cram was yesterday invited to compete in the McVitie's world cross-country championship trial at Gateshead — despite his recent announcement that he would not take part in Britain's challenge in New Zealand.

After two indifferent *performances, at Gateshead and* Mallusk, the European 1,500 metre champion said that he had abandoned plans to make the British team for Auckland on March 26.

It is possible that Cram will use the trial at Gateshead's Riverside Bowl on January 30 as little more than a training run. But it seems more likely that he will turn down the invitation and continue to concentrate on his own Olympic preparations.

The rest of the 54-strong *English contingent* for the trial, announced yesterday, has cast a healthier glow on British chances in Auckland. All of the country's leading cross-country exponents have been invited, although a question has to be put beside the name of Dave Clarke, the national champion, who is likely to compete in the London Marathon rather than go to New Zealand.

The first seven across the line at Gateshead will automatically be chosen for Auckland.

ENGLISH CONTINGENT: M McLoughlin (Liverpool), J Goater (Shaftesbury), E Martin (Basildon), M Williams (Shaftesbury), D Lewis (Rossendale), P Boden (East Cheshire), M Dalloway (Stourport), P Tisdall (Stretford), S Crain (Harrow), K Harrison (Stretford), J Richards (Cornwall), N Appleby (Birchfield), B Knight (Torbay), A Bristow (Brighton and Hove), C Thackery (Haflemshire) P Makepeace (Leicester Coritanian), T Hutchings (Crawley), C Moore (Bingley), S Binns (Bingley), D Clarke (Wimbledon), A Jackson (Stourbridge), J Wheway (Tipton), R Fladlow (Airedale and Spen Valley), N Rimmer (Sale), S Mugglestone (Westbury), M Rose (Bristol), T Redman (Coventry), P Taylor (Copelaine), D Buzza (Cornwall), B Rushworth (Sunderland), A Green (Warrington), A Wilton (Tipton), M Hawkins (Bingley), J Barnes (Cambridge), B Beddall (Tipton), S Parr (Gateshead), D Swain (Epsom and Ewell), C Reitz (Newham and Essex), C Hemsley (Wolsing), J Shearn (Shaftesbury), K Stuart (Lakewick), K McCluskey (Copeland), M King (Cornwall), S Hardie (Haringey), K Lamb (Derby), P Evans (Lowestoft), B Dee (Luton), K Fabey (Bristol), P Cadasse (Wolverhampton and Bilston), P Caskin (Jarrow), S Hussian (Stockport), M Oberlton (Stainforth), A Leaksen (Birchfield), R Partridge (Aldershot).

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	U	Piste	Conditions Off Piste	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm) -	°C
AUSTRIA							
Kitzbühel	0	40	fair	varied	closed	fine	3
Best skiing above 1,400m							
Obergurgl	40	140	fair	varied	fair	fine	0
Lower slopes are now very icy							
FRANCE							
Les Arcs	40	88	good	varied	fair	fine	–1
Limited off piste skiing							
Flaine	20	80	worn	crust	poor	sun	7
Thaw, bare patches lower slopes							
Megève	5	70	fair	varied	closed	fine	0
Small snowfall has improved upper pistes							
Tignes	65	125	fair	heavy	wom	cloud	2
Reasonable skiing upper slopes							
Val Thorens	45	85	fair	crust	fair	fine	–2
Worn patches on lower slopes							
SWITZERLAND							
Crans Montana	10	70	wom	varied	poor	fine	4
Good skiing above 2,000m							
St Moritz	35	60	good	varied	fair	cloud	0
Good skiing in all areas							
Verbier	5	90	fair	varied	poor	fine	7
North facing slopes in good condition							
Wengen	5	10	good	heavy	closed	fine	4
Good skiing above 2,000m							
Zermatt	40	85	fair	varied	worn	fine	2
Good skiing above 2,500m							

In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper, and art to artificial.

SWITZERLAND	L	U
Adelboden	5	15
Andermatt	20	100
Arosa	30	45
Champéry	20	35
Davos	20	45
Engelberg	0	90
Grindelwald	0	10
Gstaad	0	15
Klosters	10	45
Lenk-Flims	5	65
Leysin	0	20
Mürren	10	40
Pontresina	90	100
Saas Fee	80	140
Villars	5	20

● Information supplied by the Swiss National Tourist Office.

SCOTLAND

Cairngorm: upper runs, runs complete, but narrow, hard packed snow with icy patches; middle runs, runs almost complete, hard packed snow with icy patches; lower slopes, snow cover patchy, surface icy; vertical runs, 600ft; hill roads, clear; main roads, clear; snow level, 2,600ft. Glencoe: upper runs, runs complete, hard packed snow on a hard base; lower slopes, runs almost complete, new snow on a firm base; vertical runs, 1,300ft; hill roads, clear; main roads, clear; snow level, 2,300ft. Glenshee and Lecht: insufficient snow for skiing. Forecast for today: snow in Glencoe by morning, spreading to all other skiing areas by midday; moderate to heavy falls expected with considerable drifting in the strong to gale force south-east winds. Outlook for tomorrow: cloudy weather with snow giving way to brighter conditions but snow showers developing; very windy at first but slowly moderating later in the day.

● Information supplied by the Scottish Meteorological Office.

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Clubs persuaded that caution is the best policy

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

Colin Moynihan, the Minister for Sport, yesterday insisted that the football authorities who are to meet UEFA's executive committee in Monte Carlo tomorrow, must accept that the European ban on English clubs should not be lifted until after this summer's European Championship finals.

Bert Millichip and Ted Croker, the chairman and secretary of the Football Association, and Philip Carter, the president of the Football League, who were all hoping for an earlier lifting of the ban, had requested an urgent meeting to clarify Government policy after remarks Moynihan had made over the weekend.

But Moynihan told them: "I hope to see English clubs back in Europe, but such a return would have to be conditional on the behaviour of English supporters during the European Championship finals."

After an hour's discussion at the Department of the Environment, Moynihan eventually persuaded them to change their position before the talks with UEFA, the governing body of European football.

He added that "The behaviour in England throughout the domestic season" should also be taken into consideration. Earlier, in a radio interview, Moynihan had said: "It must be right to judge the effect of the security measures in West Germany before we make a decision about going back into Europe.

"To pre-empt an obvious acid test, such as the European Championship finals, would clearly be unwise and, in my opinion, a mistake." That he has been able to change the minds of England's representatives and to soften their demands will be a source of substantial relief to UEFA's committee.

The 12 men, resembling more a parole board than a jury, would have had instantly to decide whether the sentence, imposed after the tragic events at the Heysel stadium, 30 months ago, had endured for long enough to serve its purpose. Yet they had no means by which to make a realistic judgement.

The signs are that English football is indeed beginning to win the domestic battle against the hooligans, though shamefully belatedly. To support their argument, Millichip and Carter can point to the success of the measures that have been taken to limit the threat of aggressive, drunken louts.

The latest set of statistics to reinforce their claim were produced, with appropriate timing, by the Football Trust. They revealed that there are now 85 grounds in the United Kingdom which are covered by close-circuit television cameras at a cost of £2 million. Another 18 soon will be.

Some £300,000 is to be spent on modernizing the equipment at the bigger stadia. Other grants have been, or are about to be, given to strengthening policing at matches (£1.3 million) improving transport for supporters (£500,000) and to research into hooliganism (£350,000).

But such figures, though they are to be welcomed, should be considered largely irrelevant inside the court room in Monaco. That disturbances inside League grounds have mercifully been reduced from the commonplace to the rare is merely an indication that the problem has been firmly suppressed.

There is, as yet, no conclusive proof either that the standard of behaviour has necessarily been raised or that no trouble would be caused in foreign lands. As Moynihan points out, England's followers will be genuinely on trial abroad for the first time in five months in West Germany.

The 1986 World Cup finals in Mexico were held on too distant a stage for the lack of trouble there to be significantly meaningful. The incident in Spain almost a year ago suggests that the disease, which England alone has exported, has not yet been adequately cured.

Instead the evidence indicates that England, in spite of being isolated, may have infected the continent. The prospect of a tie involving the notorious supporters of Chelsea and PSV Eindhoven, for example, should be frightening enough for anybody to think twice about unlocking the door to Europe.

Carter call to stay clear of Germany

By Ian Ross

Philip Carter, the president of the Football League, yesterday appealed to England supporters to stay away from the European Championship finals in West Germany in June.

Carter presents English football's case for a return to the major European competitions next season at a meeting of UEFA in Monaco tomorrow and believes that any more trouble abroad involving English supporters would lead to an indefinite ban.

"If people do feel that it is necessary to go to the finals the onus is on them to behave. The main point is to stay away and let the action take place without the possibility of any problem," he said.

Carter, accompanied by Bert Millichip, the Football Association chairman, is confident that the European game's governing body will lift the ban imposed following the 1985 Heysel Stadium tragedy, but he is stealing himself for provisos.

"It is likely that if the ban is lifted there will be a proviso that any English fans who travel to the European championships must behave themselves. I understand that. We are going to be on constant trial. If there are laws and regulations governing competitions, they are forever and if people contravene them they must expect action to be taken," he said.

"If we are reintroduced next season, it will have been a three-year period, but I would think that any further problems would see the door locked and the key thrown away. That would be a tragedy," he added.

Carter remains adamant that the so-called "English disease" of hooliganism is being eradicated. "Crowds and fans in this country are now as good as anywhere, if not better than most, and that, I believe, presents a strong case. I don't think anything is a foregone conclusion, but my hopes are relatively high," he said.

Kelly hints at compromise

By Clive White

The future of Derby County and Oxford United remains in jeopardy despite a suggestion by Graham Kelly, the Football League secretary, yesterday that any decision taken on dual shareholding at the League chairmen's extraordinary general meeting today would not be retrospective.

Robert Maxwell, the publishing magnate who has a controlling interest in both clubs, has already gone on record to say that he would sever his connections with football if he is not allowed to purchase Elton John's 92 per cent holding in Watford, irrespective of whether he was allowed to keep Derby and Oxford.

Of the three clubs, Watford is the one he would most like to control and he might be prepared to sell the other two in order to take charge of Watford.

BPCC, whose £2m offer for Watford sparked the dispute, are the town's largest employers. Maxwell also still has a 30 per cent holding in Reading, which he has promised the League he would sell.

"There is a feeling within the League to suggest that it would be improper to disturb the Oxford-Derby situation overnight," Kelly said. "It would be unfair suddenly to alter a situation which had existed for some time without question being raised. Clubs backed the managment committee in taking a firm line over the Watford situation, but that's not necessarily the same as carrying a regulation change."

Kelly added: "They could decide to strengthen the regulations and then leave a time for negotiations with Mr Maxwell over 12 months to two years. The problem with that is that it is open-ended, but I'm sure that, with goodwill, an agreement can be struck."

The chairmen, motivated by fear and self-interest, may decide on one of the three softer options open to them which will allow a shareholder in one club to hold five, 10 or 15 per cent of shares in another. The League management committee's proposal is more stringent and involves a tightening of regulation 80.

Their proposal reads: "No person, by himself or with one or more associates, may at one time be directly or indirectly be involved in any capacity whatsoever in the management or administration of more than one club."

The League have admitted that "scores" of people have interests in more than one club. The most notable of these would be Sir John Moores, whose family for many years has had a 42 per cent holding in Everton and 25 per cent in Liverpool.

In an effort to heighten the chairmen's senses of responsibility, Stuart Webb, the Derby managing director, has vowed to sue the other 91 chairmen for damages if Maxwell fulfills his promise to pull the plug at the Baseball Ground in the event of an unfavourable decision by the League.

England captain brought to his knees



One that got away: Gatting reflects on a missed slip catch, one of the few fielding errors made by England on a satisfactory opening day at Wellington

Vatanen delayed after car is stolen

From Jeremy Hart
Kayes, Mali

Ari Vatanen is unstoppable. Yesterday morning his £150,000 Peugeot car was stolen in Bamako and after a two-hour delay the rally continued without the current leader. But two and a half hours later, Vatanen was back in the race.

A European-looking man was seen driving Vatanen's car, without the headlights on, from the Park Ferme at 6.30 in the morning. The rally organizer, Rene Metge, saw the stolen racing machine going in the opposite direction as he headed to the morning's briefing in the capital.

Two men, on their way to work, came across the dumped car in the middle of a Bamako rubbish tip. The men reported seeing the car to Peugeot team officials and Vatanen was able



to start the rally two hours and a half after the rest of the field.

Jean Todt, the head of Peugeot-Talbot Sports, said after yesterday morning's incident that a £50,000 ransom demand had been asked and, along with the rally organizers, he had flown to meet a telephone caller claiming to be the thief.

Todt said: "I would not have paid the ransom...anyway at 7 o'clock in the morning we wouldn't have found enough money. I would have needed to print my own banknotes and in that case I would not be working for Peugeot."

Vatanen, to everybody's surprise — including his own — scythed his way through 100 slower competitors most of the time in blinding dust. Vatanen finished yesterday's 510 kilometre stage in an incredible eighth position — just 37 minutes behind his Peugeot team-mate, Juha Kankkunen, and keeping his lead in the rally which finishes on Friday.

As the rally continues to surprise even the most cynical onlookers, news came through that a 10-year-old Malian girl had been knocked down in Kita and killed by a competing vehicle.

RESULTS: 1. Kankkunen (Peugeot) 3.5.19; 2. Shinozuka (Mitsubishi) 30sec behind; 3. Smeh (Range Rover) 13.28min behind; 4. Tambay (Range Rover) 15.33min behind; 5. Ambrosino (Peugeot) 19.26min behind; 6. Becart (Toyota) 30.23min behind; 7. Miller (Range Rover) 32.05min behind; 8. Vatanen (Peugeot) 37.30min behind; 9. Riviere (Toyota) 57.04min behind; 10. Pescarolo (Peugeot) 59.06min behind.

Bowlers following the agreed prescription

Wellington, New Zealand (Press Association) — A 22-year-old opening batsman, playing only his third first-class innings, took some of the shine off what was otherwise a highly satisfactory England performance on the first day of the opening game of the tour here.

Graham Burnett, a pharmacist, scored an unbeaten 87 to guide a weakened Wellington District XI to 188 for six at the close, after they had been struggling at 101 for five.

Burnett had to survive a real battering from an impressively lively England attack in which Foster and Dilley stood out.

The England cricket manager, Micky Stewart, was understandably happy with his bowlers' first outing on what is a ten week tour. He said: "I was pleased with the line they bowled, which is something we have been working on." Stewart added that a sore ankle, which prevented Dilley bowling after tea, hindered England as Wellington fought back.

He added: "It is a soreness Graham always gets when he first starts bowling again, and he will be available to take the new ball tomorrow. I thought he got his rhythm going very well, and after lunch Foster showed plenty of aggression and penetration when he bowled with what was a strong wind."

Dilley got England away to a good start by removing Edgar, the former Test opening batsman, in his fifth over. Foster took two wickets in successive overs after lunch — his first 11 overs costing only nine runs — and when Radford bowled Rohrs Wellington were 65 for four.

The Wellington captain, McSweeney, fell to Emburey before another youngster, Ormiston, dug in with Burnett and helped add 71 for the sixth wicket. Ormiston, aged 24 and playing his third senior match, managed to provide some of the day's rare attacking shots before falling to a fine reflex catch by Gatting at slip, who dived to scoop up the catch after wicketkeeper French had done well to parry a top edge, forced by the persistent Capel.

Burnett saw out the day having struck a meagre four boundaries during 330 minutes in the middle, play having begun half an hour late

WELLINGTON: First innings

B A Edgar c Emburey b Dilley	10
G P Burnett not out	87
G R Larsen c French b Foster	11
T D Ritchie c Radford b Foster	0
A J Rohrs b Radford	4
*†E B McSweeney c Foster b Emburey	10
I Ormiston c Gatting b Capel	47
G N Cederwall not out	8
Extras (b 3, lb 2, nb 6)	11
Total (6 wkts)	188

S J Maguiness, B R Williams and J P Millmow to bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-16, 2-56, 3-60, 4-65, 5-101, 6-172.

BOWLING: Dilley 11-2-25-1; Foster 16-7-23-2; Capel 19-2-55-1; Radford 22-6-44-1; Emburey 16-6-36-1; Moxon 1-0-1-0.

ENGLAND: B C Broad, M D Moxon, C W J Athey, *M W Gatting, N H Fairbrother, D J Capel, J E Emburey, †B N French, N A Foster, N V Radford, G R Dilley.

Umpires: S Woodward and F Goodall.

Imran returns to lead Pakistan

By Marcus Williams

Imran Khan, who announced his retirement from international cricket after the World Cup last November, bowed last night to the weight of public opinion and agreed to lead Pakistan on their tour of the West Indies beginning in March.

His change of heart, announced by Radio Pakistan, followed a dinner in Rawalpindi with the President of Pakistan, General Zia ul-Haq, a reflection of how serious a national issue it had become.

Imran, aged 35, an outstanding all-rounder who led Pakistan to their first victory in a series in England last summer, had been adamant that he would not return after a 70-match Test career which brought him 311 wickets and 2,770 runs. He initially resisted all the urgings of his many supporters to remain as captain of the national side, and took no part in the now infamous series against England recently concluded.

Javed Miandad assumed the reins for that series, but his announced wish to give up the captaincy brought renewed pressure from the Pakistan cricket board on Imran.

A fortnight ago it was reported from Lahore that student members of a "Bring Back Imran Khan Action Committee" would demonstrate to bring about his return and if this failed, some of them threatened a hunger strike and fast to the death.

END COLUMN

Faraway venues a logical decision

By Keith Macklin

The decisions to take the Rugby League World Cup final to Los Angeles and next year's world club championship to Tokyo have caused some raised eyebrows, and some rumblings of discontent from traditionalists, but they have been welcomed by the visionaries.

Exotic locations like Tokyo and Los Angeles seem a far cry from the woollen mills of Batley and Dewsbury and the pitheads of Featherstone and Leigh, but perhaps even the founding fathers of 1895 would accept that the 13-a-side code must expand to survive.

The logic of expansion disarms serious criticism. David Oxley, the League's secretary general, was charged at the last international board meeting with preparing a paper on the two great world finals. Australia, as certain finalists, were first choice to stage the World Cup, but their calendar was already crowded with bicentenial celebrations and international matches.

Los Angeles, now a major target area for Rugby League development, was chosen, with encouragement for the scheme radiating from the 13,000 Californians who turned up to watch the recent State of Origin match between New South Wales and Queensland.

With Los Angeles scheduled for the World Cup final Tokyo became the logical choice for the World Cup championship. As Oxley said: "Rugby Union is a major growth sport in Japan. Both the Japanese sporting public and TV audiences enjoy rugby, and this is the right time for Rugby League to move in."

Gasser to hear verdict today

By Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent

A decision is expected this morning, on the appeal against a two-year ban for drugs by Sandra Gasser, the Swiss athlete who was banned following a positive dope test at the World championships in Rome last summer, since when she has strenuously denied her innocence.

The International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF), who heard her appeal yesterday, claim that both samples of her urine were "very positive with steroids".

The decision from the IAAF appeals committee, in only the second hearing in its history, was originally expected in two weeks' time. But during a break in the hearing, which went on all day and into yesterday evening, John Holt, the IAAF general secretary, said that once the President, Dr Primo Nebiolo, was informed, the decision would be made public as soon as possible.



Sandra Gasser entering the IAAF offices yesterday

Miss Gasser, who was accompanied to London by three Swiss Federation officials, said: "The hearing is being objective, I can't say more." A Swiss civil court has given Miss Gasser clearance to compete both nationally and internationally, giving rise to an interesting legal situation, but the IAAF claims its laws take precedence internationally as regards competition.

● OSLO: The Soviet Olympic medal hope, Nikolai Gulyayev was alleged yesterday to have sold anabolic steroids for Western currency to fellow speed skater Stein Krosby of Norway (Reuter reports). The Norwegian Sports Confederation, which is to investigate the allegation, said Krosby had admitted buying steroids from Gulyayev since 1985.

The investigation was launched after leaders of the Norwegian speed skating team in Davos reported that Gulyayev had delivered a package to another Norwegian skater in Innsbruck, Austria. This was to have been delivered to Krosby in Davos, the confederation statement said. The package contained 800 Russian-made anabolic steroids.

Experiment is fully supported

The Japan experiment wins full support from Maurice Lindsay, chairman of Wigan, the top club who attracted 35,000 to Central Park for the inaugural world club championship against Manly-Warringah. "It is a marvellously visionary move," said Lindsay, who reasoned that Japan will take to Rugby League far better than to Rugby Union. "We don't have lineouts where the Japs will always be outjumped and outweighed, but in Rugby League, where running and passing is much more important, skills, rather than size, come into their own."

Fuji, the large Japanese international television and communications company, have offered major backing for the game. Nationwide television coverage and big sums of sponsorship money are promised. Television is regarded as a major weapon in raising the game's world-wide prestige.

Australian coaches and administrators will be in California until May, organizing and encouraging the growth of Rugby League in schools, colleges and universities, with the World Cup final a natural climax. In 1989 an American students' squad will compete in the Student World Cup in Britain.

Grass root supporters may echo the comment of one St Helens supporter who said: "How many Saints fans could afford to go to Tokyo; most people can just about manage a weekend at Wembley for the cup final."

To him, and to other doubting Thomases, Oxley says: "Supporters cannot complain of lack of national and international coverage for the game if they are not prepared to see it expand beyond our own backyard."

Sponsorship forces a League date rethink

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

The problem of when Leicester, leaders of Rugby Union's Courage Clubs Championship, will play their League fixture with Gloucester, remains in the hands of the competition's organizing committee whose initial offering, January 30, met with a thumbs down from Bridgend and London Welsh.

It is an indication of how far-reaching commercial interests are that considerations of match sponsorship persuaded the two Welsh clubs, who would have had to give up scheduled fixtures with, respectively, Gloucester and Leicester, to argue against the organizing committee's decision.

However, Leicester may have cause to be grateful since England hope to have a squad weekend on January 30 and conceivably will require three of the Midland club's players.

Leicester and Gloucester have met twice already this season, each winning once, but both games were downgraded because of representative calls.

The number of weekend options available are growing limited because of international and cup weekends. Even England's blank Saturday — February 20 — will be unattractive because of the competition of the Wales v Scotland match, which will be live on television.

Today we publish the names of the 10 lucky winners of magnificent Whitbread hampers which were offered as prizes in *The Times* great Christmas Sports Jumbo Crossword published on Christmas Eve.

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SPORT IN BRIEF

Board ban on betting

Bookmaking at boxing shows has been barred by the British Boxing Board of Control. Under new regulations the board now requires a promoter's assurance that betting facilities will not be available before being given permission for the event to be staged.

Previously the board was unable to prevent promoter Gary Davidson providing a bookmaker at a title show in November. Davidson understood the ban applied only to the ringside but was severely reprimanded when called before the board.

Money back

The Amateur Athletic Association will have returned the £125,000 it pledged for London Docklands indoor arena which was to include an athletics track and training facilities and has since been earmarked largely as a boxing and entertainments complex.



Douglas: back in action

Toe trouble

Desmond Douglas, England's leading table tennis player, will have treatment on his injured big toes before the Leeds English open championships at Brighton tomorrow.

Injury verdict

Doctors fear that Tim Green, aged 27, the Pontyates rugby player, may never walk again after breaking his back while making a tackle in the Llanelli and District League game against Tycroes.

Bowls sponsor

The National Westminster Bank yesterday announced £120,000 in sponsorship for the British Isles bowls championships and home internationals for four years.

Bank role

Rome (AP) — Banca Nazionale del Lavoro (BNL), Italy's largest commercial bank, announced yesterday that it will be the main distributor world-wide of tickets for the 1990 football World Cup.

Match off

St Helens have postponed Sunday's Stones Bitter first division Rugby League home match against Hull, because they have four players on international duty in France.

Team changes

Toulouse (AFP) — France are forced to replace the injured Guy Laforgue and Jean-Luc Rabot, who is suspended, for Saturday's rugby league international against Great Britain.

£1 million sponsorship boost for badminton

By Richard Eaton

The biggest badminton sponsorship ever, £1 million from the equipment company Yonex, will ensure a pre-eminent place within the sport for the foreseeable future for the All-England championships. A five-year contract with the company was announced yesterday by the Badminton Association of England, which will make the Wembley event the biggest prize money tournament in the world and the first ever five-star tournament according to the new grading system of the International Badminton Federation.

This 350 per cent increase in prize money is perfectly timed. For the first time in its 88-year history the prestige of this unique and illustrious tournament has begun to be questioned. Recently the tendency of Far East players to miss the All-England every other year because they prefer to prepare for the Thomas and Uber Cup finals, was becoming an increasing worry.

Now it is difficult to see any of the world's leading players wanting to miss the All-England. It will also provide a terrific boon to the game at a time of fears that Europe was in danger of becoming a backwater in an increasingly lucrative but Asian-dominated game.

● Gillian Gilks has written off her chances of competing at the Seoul Olympics. Mrs Gilks, England's best-known player, has learned that the mixed doubles is unlikely to be included in the 1988 Olympic programme, when badminton assumes demonstration status for the second time. The mixed doubles probably represented her only chance of appearing in Seoul with Martin Dew, her long-standing playing partner.